

"What's Your Name?"

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Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Genesis 32:22-32

BIG IDEA: I am who God says I am.

""What is your name?" the man asked.

"Jacob," he replied.

"Your name will no longer be Jacob," he said.

*"It will be Israel because you have struggled with God
and with men and have prevailed.""*

Genesis 32:27-28 (CSB)

JACOB



"What's your name?"

- JACOB, the troubled.
- JACOB, the selfish.
- JACOB, the crafty.
- JACOB, the deceiver.
- JACOB, the estranged.



"Your name will be..."

- ISRAEL, the prince.
- ISRAEL, the prayerful.
- ISRAEL, the disciplined.

- ISRAEL, the faithful.
- ISRAEL, the blessed.

ME



"What's your name?"

- SINNER, the transgressor.
- SINNER, the angry.
- SINNER, the addicted.
- SINNER, the immoral.
- SINNER, the divided.



"Your name will be..."

- CHRISTIAN, the new-born.
- CHRISTIAN, the adopted.
- CHRISTIAN, the heir.
- CHRISTIAN, the friend.
- CHRISTIAN, the secure.
- CHRISTIAN, the wonder.
- CHRISTIAN, the victorious.

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READ: Genesis 32:1-32

THINK: Think about Jacob's name-change to Israel and then ask yourself these questions: *Other than your given name, what nicknames are you known by? Where did they come from? Why do you think Jacob chooses to be alone on the night before Esau's arrival? What is God trying to teach Jacob through their wrestling match? Why this particular "method"? Who do you think ends up "winning" the match? Why? Why is Jacob's hip damaged and why does he go through life with this injury? In what sense does this incident summarize Jacob's life? What does Jacob's new name, "Israel", mean for him? Why is it important for you to understand who you were before your encounter with Christ? Do you struggle with accepting your new identity in Christ? What part of receiving your "new name" in Christ blesses you the most?*

DO: Identify any area in your life where you might be wrestling with God right now. Are you winning, losing, or "limping along"? What new name might God give you?