



Week 4: Wrestling with God

In a culture of quick solutions, we have no patience for process. We expect our faith to make life better right now. But right now is about the work God is doing in order to make life better. Transformation is a process that happens over time through the work God is doing today. Our job is to lean in, hang on, and not give up, and we will eventually see God's work through the way we walk.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you first decided to follow Jesus, how did you expect your life to change? Did your expectations match your experience?
2. Jacob's journey to transformation spanned 20 years. Why do you think transformation is often a slow and gradual process rather than an instant change? How can we help or hinder the process?
3. Jacob was a deceiver, but God used the difficult situations in his life to chisel away his old character. What struggles or difficult people has God used in your life to shape your character?
4. Jacob decreased over time as God's work increased in his life. What evidence do you see in your life that you are decreasing and that God is increasing? Is there something you haven't fully surrendered yet that's hindering the transformation process in your life?
5. **Read Genesis 32:24-31.** What stands out to you most about this passage? What do we learn about Jacob? About God? About us? Describe a time where you wrestled with God. Did that experience change you, and if so, in what ways?

6. Verse 28 says Jacob prevailed. How so? What does this teach us about transformation? In what ways do you need to hold on to God right now in order to experience his transforming power in your life? How can the group help?
7. Take time to pray for one another—especially for those wrestling with God in specific areas, that they will have the courage to hold on and trust God's transforming work.