

“Let Nothing Catch up with You”

For details, read *Genesis 32:22-31*

The black baseball pitcher Satchel Paige became famous for saying, “Don’t look back. Something may be gaining on you.” Jacob, grandson of Abraham, realized that his past quickly moved toward him. Years before, Jacob cheated his brother Esau. He fled his family in Canaan (modern Israel) and spent years away from his father and mother in what is now Iraq, hoping that Esau would cool his vengeful spirit. Now Jacob travelled south toward home accompanied by his wives, concubines, children, and livestock.

Jacob had just survived a confrontation with his father-in-law, who had resented his departure. Then he heard the news: Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred men. After sending his family ahead, Jacob spent the night alone wrestling



with a “man.”

He later learned that the adversary with whom he grappled was no ordinary opponent. Chances are you have wrestled with the Lord over certain decisions. One way not to lose is by consistently doing right “during the day.” That way nothing

can catch up to you during the night.

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