

## Message from God's Life-Giving Word

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### Standout – A New Name

Who are you?

Jacob gets a new name (Genesis 32:24-28):

\* God is saying, “I know \_\_\_\_\_ you are”

Who does God say you are as a Standout?

Notes on 1 Peter:

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, **exiles** scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been **chosen** according to the **foreknowledge** of God the **Father**, through the sanctifying work of the **Spirit**, to be obedient to **Jesus** Christ and sprinkled with His blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance. 1 Peter 1:1-2*

*Dear friends, I urge you, as **foreigners** and **exiles**, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such **good lives** among the pagans that, though they **accuse you** of doing **wrong**, they may **see your good deeds** and **glorify God** on the day He visits us. 1 Peter 2:11-12*

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **God's special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9*

### Next Steps

1. Read Genesis 32:22-26. Verse 24 may be one of the most understated descriptions of one of the weirdest stories in Scripture. How would you feel if you were alone and suddenly found yourself in a wrestling match? If Jacob was surprised, it is not evident by what we read. He just wrestled with the “man” until he incapacitated Jacob. What did he do to Jacob in verse 25? Why might he have done that (Instead of, say, twisting his arm)?
2. Why was Jacob alone in the first place. Maybe Jacob had good reason for staying behind, or maybe he was planning an escape out the back door. Now with his hip wrenched, he was going nowhere but facing the man and his brother Esau. What did the man ask Jacob in verse 26, and what was his response? Why?
3. By Jacob's response, we can see that Jacob knew this was no ordinary man. Do you ever wrestle with God because of hardships in your life or challenges that you face? Journal the ways you wrestle with God. Jacob knew it was God and he was not about to let Him go without a blessing. If God were in front of you right now, how would you ask Him to bless you? Close your study in prayer, asking Him for His blessing.  
**REMEMBER:** Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It's also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.