

# Journeys With The Fathers: Jacob

*"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life ..." 1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV)*

The pioneers \_\_\_\_\_ because they sought a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Jacob, One Who Struggled To Grasp Blessings

A. Two important concepts describe Jacob's life:

1. Genesis 25:26 - His name meant \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ . He wanted to be the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Genesis 32:28 - His new name, \_\_\_\_\_, meant "one who \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_". He also struggled with \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Episodes in which Jacob struggled to grasp:

1. His struggles with Esau:
  - a. Genesis 25:20-26 - When he was \_\_\_\_\_, his \_\_\_\_\_ grasped the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Genesis 25:29-34 - He bought Esau's \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Genesis 27:41 - Esau vowed to \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob.
  - d. Genesis 28:10-17 - \_\_\_\_\_ renewed the \_\_\_\_\_ that had been given to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. His struggles with Laban:
  - a. Genesis 29:9-11 - When he found \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_ for joy.
  - b. Genesis 29:20 - He labored \_\_\_\_\_ years for Rachel (but it turned out to be \_\_\_\_\_ years!). Laban was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. His struggle with God:
  - a. Genesis 32:24,25 - He \_\_\_\_\_ with a man until his \_\_\_\_\_ was put out of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Genesis 32:26-31 - Jacob wouldn't let go until he was \_\_\_\_\_. He then realized he had wrestled with \_\_\_\_\_.

## Will We Struggle For The Prize Before Us?

A. Other instances of the word translated "grasp":

1. Job 17:9 - "The \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ onto his \_\_\_\_\_."
2. Song 3:4 - When she \_\_\_\_\_ the one she loved, she \_\_\_\_\_ him and would not \_\_\_\_\_.

B. More direct admonitions for Christians:

1. Philippians 3:12 - Paul \_\_\_\_\_ on so he could lay \_\_\_\_\_ of the prize.
2. 1 Timothy 6:12 - \_\_\_\_\_ to lay hold on \_\_\_\_\_ life.

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