

# Encounters with God

## Joseph - Genesis 50



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# GENESIS 1-32

## THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S PLAN

*"These are the generations of the heavens and the earth..." Genesis 2:4*

### 1. CREATION God's Beginning



1-2

God creates the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. Rest is established.

### 2. HUMANITY Our Beginning



3-11

The fall of humanity, the spread of sin, and God's judgment through the flood. God's covenant with Noah.

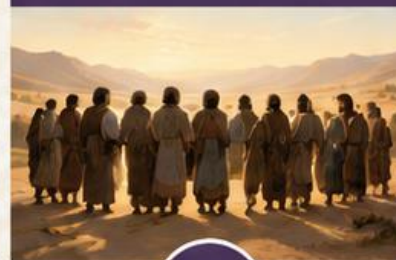
### 3. PATRIARCHS God's Promise



12-17

God calls Abram and promises land, a great nation, and blessing through his seed.

### 4. COVENANT FAMILY Growth & Trials



18-22

God appears to Abraham, promises Isaac, tests Abraham's faith, and provides. Covenant confirmed.

### 5. ISAAC God's Faithfulness



23-26

The record of Isaac. God's blessings, times of famine, and His continuing faithfulness.

### 6. JACOB God's Purpose



27-32

Jacob and Esau, blessings and deception, Jacob's journey, and wrestling with God at Peniel.



From Creation to Covenant... God is writing His story. | **TO HIM BE THE GLORY!**

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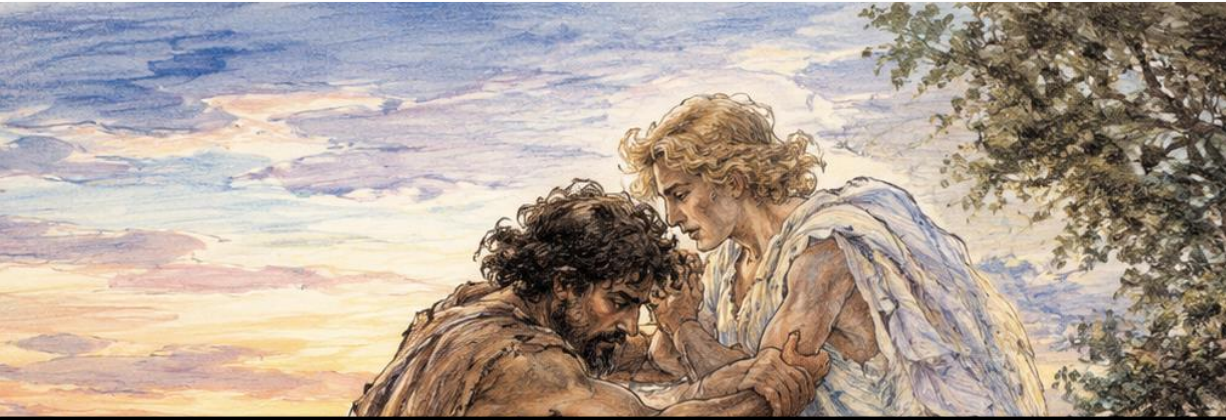
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1 Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them he said, “This is God’s camp!” So he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

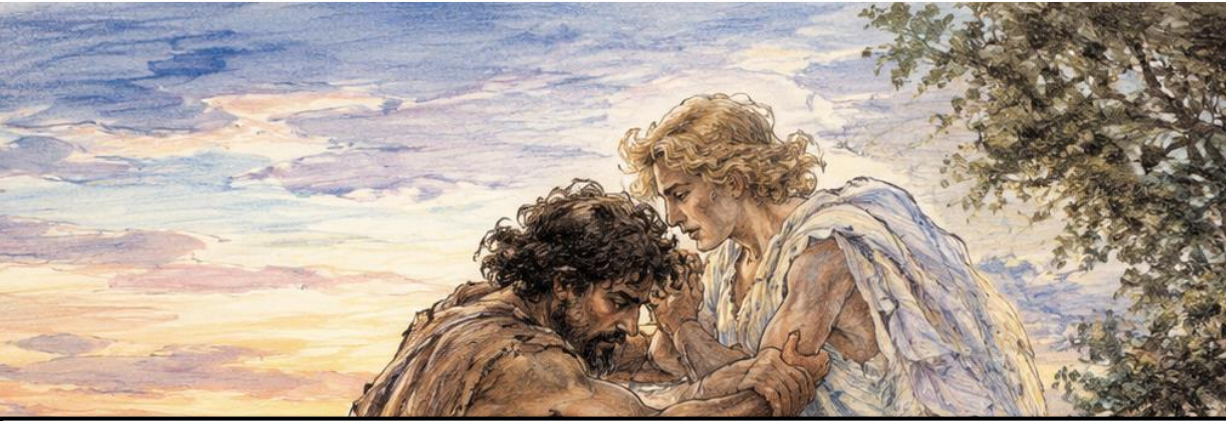
3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom,

4 instructing them, “Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, ‘I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now.

5 I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.’”

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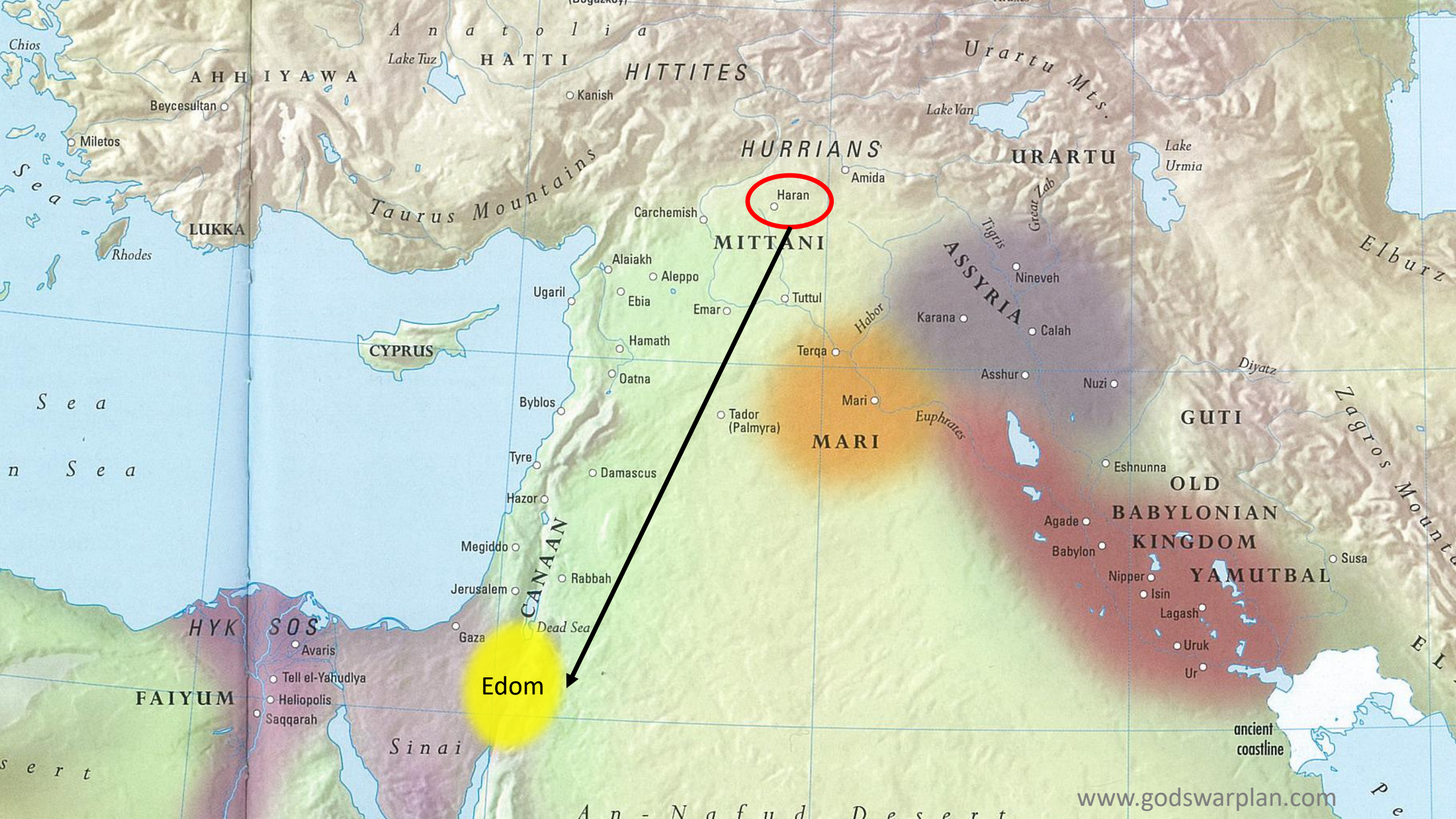
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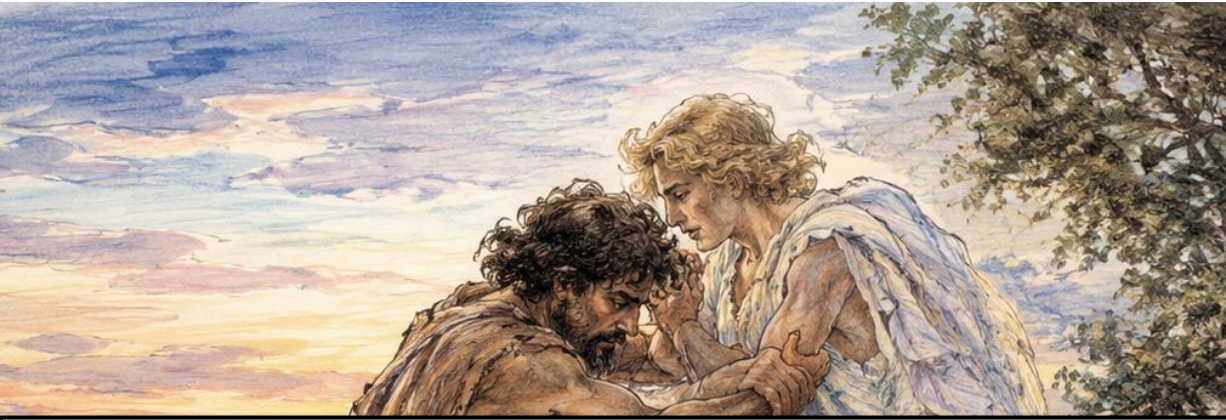


Haran

Edom

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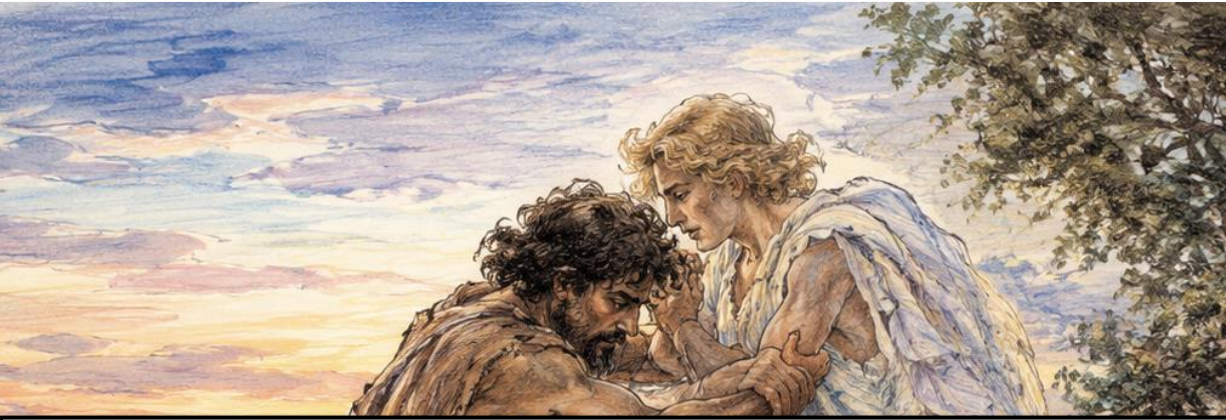
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**Satanic attack**

**Desirable distance**

**Forgiveness**

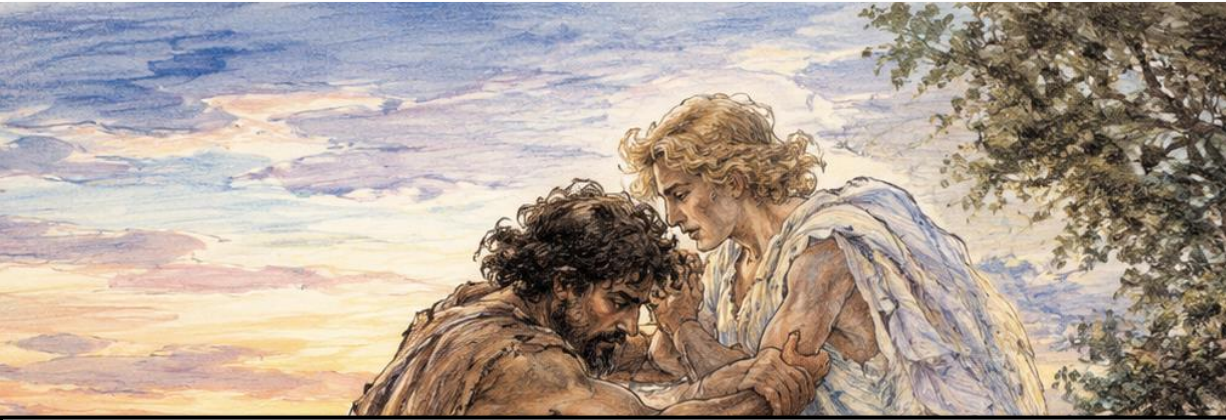


**Be on your guard**

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# Jacob

A MAN OF FAITH

— ◆ —  
GOD TRANSFORMED  
HIS HEART AND  
REMADE HIS LIFE.

THROUGH GOD'S GRACE,  
**JACOB BECAME ISRAEL.**  
GENESIS 32:28



## DECEIT

Used deception to gain the birthright and the blessing.



## COWARDICE & FEAR

Often fearful and anxious, relying on his own schemes.



## MANIPULATION & CUNNING

Relied on his own ingenuity, not fully trusting God's promises.



## GOOD ENDS, WRONG MEANS

Wanted God's promises but was willing to do wrong to achieve them.



## OVERREACHING OTHERS

Matched Laban's deceit and sought to overreach him for personal gain.



## CONCERN FOR POSSESSIONS

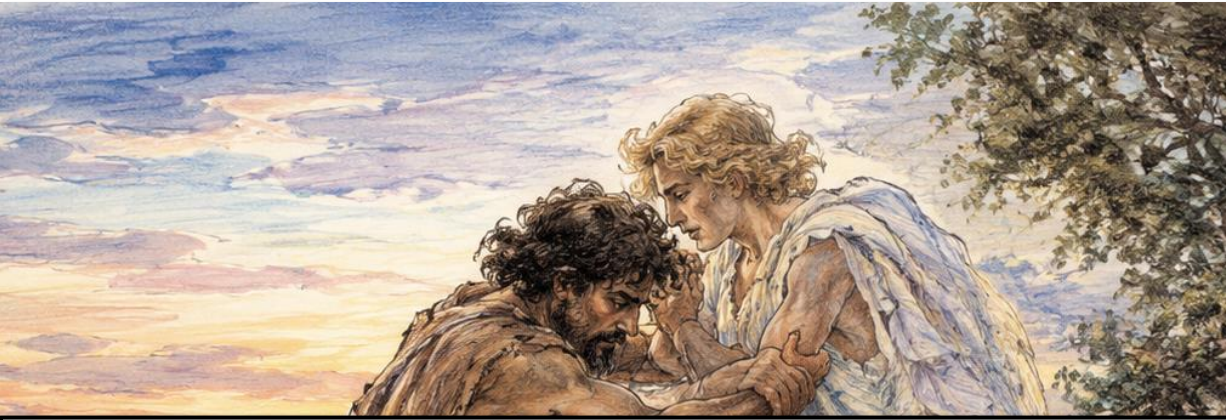
More concerned for his property than for his reputation and righteousness.



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# The Fruit of the Spirit

GALATIANS 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is the character produced in the life of a believer by the Holy Spirit.

## The fruit of the Spirit

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

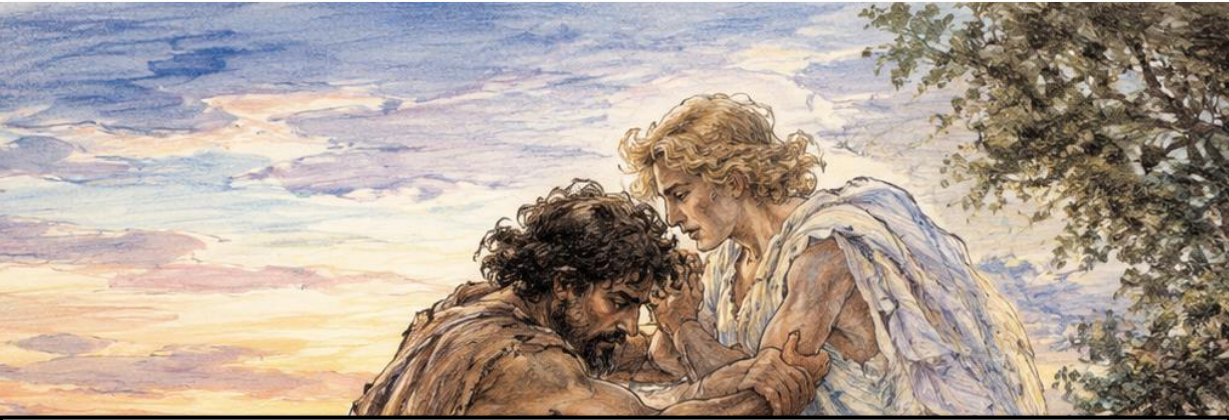
Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-control

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24 And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.  
25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

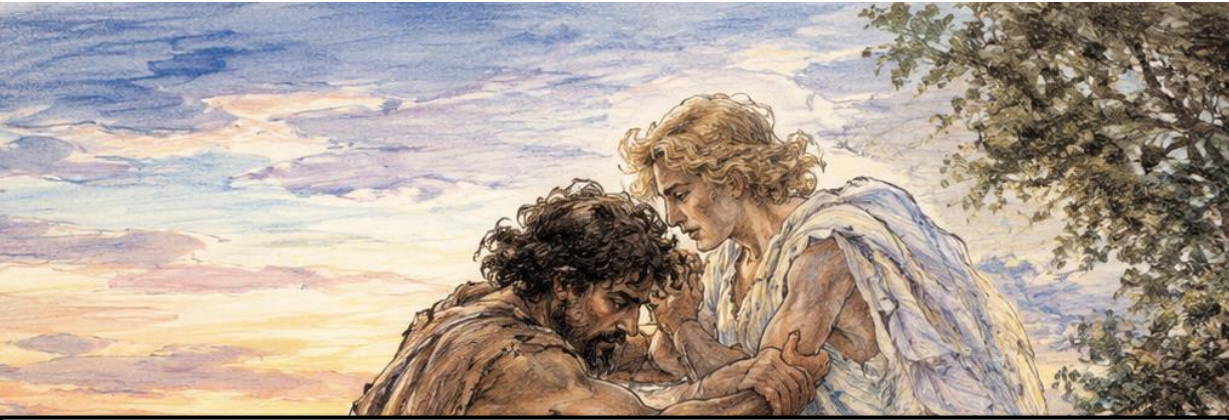
26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

27 And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

28 Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

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29 Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him.

30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

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**Jesus deliberately ‘lost’ for you**

He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:11-12)

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