



Don't Let Go

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JOURNEY MAP RESOURCES:

HEARING GOD'S
VOICE



**SPIRITUAL
DISCIPLINES:**
GOD'S VOICE



THE MATCH

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GENESIS 32:24-26

HIS GRACE CHASES YOU DOWN

**GRACE FINDS YOU WHERE YOU
ARE**

OPEN HEAVEN

When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac.

GENESIS 28:11-16

OPEN HEAVEN

I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it."

GENESIS 28:11-16

JACOB'S RESPONSE

He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel (which means the House of God) though the city used to be called Luz.

GENESIS 28:17-19

HIS PROMISE TO NEVER LEAVE YOU

Deuteronomy 31:6-8 — the Lord your God Goes with you, he will never leave nor forsake you

Joshua 1:5,9 — I will never leave nor forsake you. I will be with you wherever you go

1 Chronicles 28:20 — The Lord God, my God is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you

Matthew 28:20 — I am with you always, to the very end of the age

Isaiah 41:10 — I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand

Romans 8:38-39 — nothing will be able to separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus

HOW TO CONTEND IN THE BARRENNESS

1. Receive - Promise, encouragement, grace

2. Believe - Raise our awareness of his presence

CONTENDING IN THE WAITING

PRAY LIKE JACOB

Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, Lord who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' I am unworthy of all kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps. Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'"

GENESIS 32:9-12

HOW TO CONTEND IN THE WAITING

Pray his word back to him.

TRUE BELIEVERS DON'T ASK WHY

Questions leave us vulnerable, weak, needy. They open up gaping holes in our personality, our theology, or our lifestyle. Questions force an honesty that we are unwilling to confront-an honesty that requires us to live with our lives unresolved. We don't like that, especially when we're trying to sell a theology that Christianity is the answer to every problem we face....Of the 288 question marks in the book of Job, 78 of them belong to God; they are His answer to Job. John Fischer

TRUE BELIEVERS DON'T ASK WHY

Sometimes God answers us with questions — questions that leave us humbled, awed, speechless, weak, and believing — believing not because we've found the answer, but because we've seen God. It doesn't matter that we have more questions now than when we started. It matters that we see God, for in the seeing, we discover that the truest answer to all our questions is to worship Him.

JOHN FISCHER

WRESTLING MATCH

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GENESIS 32:24-27

WRESTLING MATCH

“Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with man and have overcome.” Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.” But he replied, Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peneil, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared. The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

GENESIS 32:28-31

WINNING THE MATCH

1. New Walk

2. New Name

3. New Revelation

By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons,
and worshipped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

HEBREWS 11:21



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