



Beyond The Surface
 Digging Deeper (Wk. 1 of 4)
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Genesis 27:41 (NLT) Esau hated Jacob because he had stolen his blessing, and he said to himself, "My father will soon be dead and gone. Then I will kill Jacob."

3 Things It Takes To Go Beyond The Surface.

Genesis 32:24-30 (NLT) This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until dawn. [25] When the man saw that he couldn't win the match, he struck Jacob's hip and knocked it out of joint at the socket. [26] Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is dawn." But Jacob panted, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." [27] "What is your name?" the man asked. He replied, "Jacob." [28] "Your name will no longer be Jacob," the man told him. "It is now Israel, because you have struggled with both God and men and have won." [29] "What is your name?" Jacob asked him. "Why do you ask?" the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there. [30] Jacob named the place Peniel—"face of God"—for he said, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared."

1) Grab a _____ of God.

Hosea 12:4 (NLT) Yes, he wrestled with the angel and won. He wept and pleaded for a blessing from him. There at Bethel he met God face to face, and God spoke to him—

Isaiah 30:21 (NIV) Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Proverbs 18:24 (NIV) A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

John 15:13 (NIV) Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Genesis 32:6 (NLT) The messengers returned with the news that Esau was on his way to meet Jacob—with an army of four hundred men!

Genesis 32:9-11 (NLT) [9] Then Jacob prayed... [11] O Lord, please rescue me from my brother, Esau. I am afraid that he is coming to kill me, along with my wives and children.

You can't get a grip on anything until you have a grip on _____.

2) Don't let _____!

**~This means you bring
 God into every situation~**

Do everything the way God wants: His principles, _____ character, order, honor God.

Follow Him in: your marriage, family, parenting, work, abilities, time, health, mind, money, lost, needs...

John 17:15-16 (TEV) I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One. [16] Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world.

Hebrews 13:5 (NLT) Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never forsake you."

3) Ask for His _____.

2 Cor. 9:8 (NIV) And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NCV) I say this because I know what I am planning for you," says the Lord. "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt

you. I will give you hope and a good future.

John 14:1-3 (NIV) "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. [2] In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. [3] And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

John 17:24 (NIV) "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me..."

2 Cor. 6:16 (NIV) "...God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

God wants to _____ with you not wrestle you.

_____ = Deceiver- He deceives.

_____ = Who prevails with God; "he struggles with God."

Genesis 25:22 (TEV) She was going to have twins, and before they were born, they struggled against each other in her womb...

God doesn't miss a _____ ; He also changed _____.

Genesis 33:4 (NIV) But Esau ran to meet Jacob and embraced him; he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. And they wept.