

## Sermon Notes for Sunday, August 6, 2023

30 Jacob named the place Peniel (which means "face of God"), for he said,  
"I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared."

31 The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel, and he was limping  
because of the injury to his hip.

Genesis 32:22-31 (NLT)

### "Transforming Encounter with God "

#### 1) Who is Jacob?

- Son of Issac
- Name means: supplanter, schemer, trickster, deceiver, and cheater (Genesis 25:19-26)

#### 2) Sin nature of Jacob:

- He was crafty by nature (Genesis 25:29-34 NLT)
- He was deceptive by nature (Genesis 27:18-29 NLT)

#### 3) Jacob becomes religious in the House of the Lord (Genesis 28:11-19)

#### 4) God's message through Jacob's dream:

- You belong to me

#### **Romans 14:8 (Good News Translation GNT)**

If we live, it is for the Lord that we live, and if we die, it is for the Lord that we die. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

- Uninterrupted access to God

#### **Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)**

"Let us, therefore, come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

5) Being Religious will not help you overcome the old nature—Ephesians 4:21-23 (NLT)

6) We need a transforming encounter with God—Genesis 32:25-31

7) When we have a transforming encounter with God:

- **We're forgiven of our sins**

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV)

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

- **We'll never walk the same**

Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

- **We'll have a new attitude (Nature)**

Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT)

3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.