

**Sermon: “*The Wounded Victorious*”**

**Text: Genesis 32:22-32 (page 27 in the pew Bible)**

**I. What happened to Jacob?**

**A. Falls for Rachel and is invited in by Uncle Laban.**

**B. You work seven years and whaddya get? Leah!**

**C. Jacob’s four women and their 11 sons!**

**D. Show me the way to go home – after 20 years.**

**E. A...friendly?...covenant between deceivers.**

**Genesis 31:49 “The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.” KJV**

**F. Prepare to meet thy...brother! (gulp).**

**II. Your most dramatic encounter with God may occur when you are left all alone.**

**“And Jacob was left alone.” Genesis 32:24**

**III. When God comes against us, that is not always a bad thing.**

**“A man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day... 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.” Genesis 32:24 & 30**

**IV. A new name (and –no-it is not “Gimpy”)**

**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.” Genesis 32:28**

**יִשְׂרָאֵל - Ya-Shar-EL**

**Hebrew “Shar” – (not just “wrestle” or “strive”) – Hebrew root to rule or reign as a Prince. Same as Isaiah 9:6 “and the government shall be upon his shoulder.”**

**Israel or “Prevailing Prince of God”**

**V. Another Prevailing Prince who suffered a permanent scar**

**“Behold, **the Lion** of the tribe of Judah, ...And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a **Lamb standing, as though it had been slain.**”**