

Week of 02-19-2023

Series: The Story, Ch. 2, Pt. 4

Sermon: Don't Let Go

Text: Genesis 32:22-30

Sermon Outline:

Biblical Truth: God's covenant people are shaped by God's covenant plans.

1. A people who suffer. (22-25)
2. A people who strive. (26)
3. A people who are changed. (27-28)
4. A people who are saved. (29-30)

Discussion Questions:

Read Genesis 32:22-30.

1. Do you believe that suffering is experienced more by Christians or non-Christians? What has been your personal experiences of suffering before and after you became a Christian?
2. Salvation is not by works. All you must do is place your faith in Jesus and Savior and Lord. But saving faith is a faith that will strive in the face of difficult circumstances, opposition, and the high calling of kingdom advancement. If applicable, what has "striving" looked like in terms of your spiritual journey with God?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. When Jacob had this encounter with God, his name and his life was changed. On Sunday morning, we heard that "Christianity is not behavior-modification." Following Jesus does mean that you will live and act differently, but the change that happens is from the inside-out. If applicable, discuss areas in your life where you first noticed "change" soon after becoming a Christian.
4. Read Romans 8:33-34 and 1 Timothy 2:5-6. The only way to be saved is to be in relationship with a Savior. It is foolish to think that we will be able to stand alone when we leave this world. And it is foolish to think that we can stand alone IN this world. Discuss areas in your relationship where you are confident you need Jesus. And discuss areas in your life where you feel like you are ok on your own.