

Sermon Handout

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Series: The Classics Text: Genesis 32:22-30

JACOB: The Wrestler

“Heel Grabber”

- ☛ Grab the opportunity and make it happen!
- ☛ Good things happen to those who make things happen!
- ☛ I will get what’s mine, don’t get in my way!
- ☛ God helps those who help themselves!
- ☛ The _____ justifies the means!

READ: GENESIS 25-32

JACOB

- ① _____ a “heel grabber” ② _____ “heel grabbing”
③ _____ “heel grabbed” ④ _____ he is a “heel grabber”

① JACOB WAS BORN A HEEL GRABBER

Genesis 25:21—22

“**Isaac** prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife **Rebekah** became pregnant. The babies _____ each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” **So she went to inquire of the LORD.**”

Genesis 25

²³ The LORD **said** to her,
“Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples from within you
will be separated; one people will
be _____ than the other, and
the older will _____ the younger.”



Genesis 25:26

“After this, his brother came out, with his _____ grasping **Esau’s** _____; so he was named **Jacob**.”

② JACOB PRACTICED HEEL GRABBING

Genesis 25:27-28

“The boys grew up, and **Esau** became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country... **Jacob** was content to stay at home among the tents. **Isaac**, who had a taste for wild game, _____ **Esau**, but **Rebekah** _____ **Jacob**.”

Genesis 25:23

“The LORD **said** to her, “...the older will **serve** the younger.”

tradition
firstborn son

① _____
☛ The authority to _____ over the clan.

② _____
☛ Receive a _____ portion of the father’s wealth.

Grabbing the BIRTHRIGHT

Genesis 25:29-34

“Once when **Jacob** was cooking some stew, **Esau** came in from the open country, _____. He said to **Jacob**, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!” (That is why he was also called Edom.) “**Jacob** replied, “First sell me your _____.” “Look, I am about to die,” **Esau** said. “What good is the birthright to me?” But **Jacob** said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an oath to him, _____ his birthright to **Jacob**. Then **Jacob** gave **Esau** some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So **Esau** despised his birthright.”

Genesis 17:19 ☛ What did **Esau** sell?

“Then God said, “Yes, but your wife **Sarah** will bear you a son, and you will call him **Isaac**. I will establish my covenant with him as an _____ for his descendants after him.”

Grabbing the BLESSING

Genesis 27:36

“**Esau** said, “Isn’t he **rightly named Jacob**? This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: He took my _____, and now he’s taken my _____!”

Genesis 27:41

“**Esau** held a grudge against **Jacob** because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will _____ my brother **Jacob**.”

③ **JACOB GOT HEEL GRABBED**

↳ Who ‘heel grabbed’ **Jacob**? _____

Genesis 29:20

“So **Jacob** served seven years to get **Rachel**, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his _____ for her.”

↳ How did **Jacob** get ‘switched’? _____

④ **JACOB ADMITS HE IS A HEEL GRABBER**

Text: Genesis 32:22-30

Genesis 32:30

“So **Jacob** called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw _____ face to face, and yet my life was spared.”

Genesis 32:27

“The man asked him, “What is your name?” “ _____,” he answered.”

Genesis 32:28

“Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be **Jacob**, but _____, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”

Genesis 32:29

“**Jacob** said, “Please tell me your name.” but he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he _____ him there.”

JACOB

- ① **Born a “heel grabber”**
- ② **Practiced “heel grabbing”**
- ③ **Got “heel grabbed”**
- ④ **Admits he is a “heel grabber”**



Revelation 2

17 ...To the one who is victorious, I will give... a white stone with a _____ written on it, known only to the one who receives it.

