

CHANGING MY LIMITATIONS TO POTENTIAL

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1. THE FORCES THAT SHAPE US AND MISSHAPE US

"Isaac...loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob." Genesis 25.28

"Then (Isaac) said, 'My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing.'" Genesis 27.25

♦Stealing the blessing.

"The ruse convinces Isaac and he gives Jacob his blessings." Genesis 27.23 (Living Bible)

♦Walking wounded.

"Esau said to his father, 'Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!' Then Esau wept aloud." Genesis 27.38

2. THE EMPTINESS OF A SPIRITUAL LIFE

"I don't deserve all the good things you have done for me, your servant. When I first crossed the Jordan, I had only my walking stick, but now I have two large groups of people and animals." Genesis 32.10 (Contemporary English Version)

"Jacob's men took the gifts on ahead of him, but he spent the night in camp. Jacob got up in the middle of the night and took his wives, his eleven children, and everything he owned across to the other side of the Jabbok River for safety." Genesis 32.21-23

"So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.'" Genesis 32.24-26

3. A NEW NAME AND A NEW BEGINNING

"The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome.'" Genesis 32.27-28

What is your foundation for your sense of self?

♦Counterfeit – what _____ and what _____.

♦Authentic – who _____ and what _____.