

# Persevere in Times of Difficulty

Genesis 32:22-32 (KJV)

1. When Isaac was old, did he decide to bless Esau or Jacob?

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 <sup>4</sup> And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring *it* to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die. <sup>5</sup> And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* venison, *and* to bring *it*.  
**Genesis 27:4-5 (KJV)**

2. What did Rebekah do while Esau was in the field hunting for food to prepare a meal for his father Jacob?
  - a. Rebekah developed a plan where Jacob would receive the blessing instead of Esau.
  - b. Rebekah developed a plan to support her husband's decision to bless Esau.
  - c. Rebekah prayed to God for guidance.

 <sup>8</sup> Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. <sup>9</sup> Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savoury meat for thy father, such as he loveth: <sup>10</sup> And thou shalt bring *it* to thy father, that he may eat, and that he may bless thee before his death.  
**Genesis 27:8-10 (KJV)**

3. How did Jacob react to what his mother told him to do?

a. Eagerly

b. Reluctant

c. Cautiously

 <sup>11</sup> And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother *is* a hairy man, and I *am* a smooth man: <sup>12</sup> My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing.  
**Genesis 27:11-12 (KJV)**

4. How many lies can you detect during Jacob's conversation with his father Isaac?

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 And Jacob said unto his father, I *am* Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.  
**Genesis 27:19 (KJV)**

 And Isaac said unto his son, How *is it* that thou hast found *it* so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought *it* to me.  
**Genesis 27:20 (KJV)**

 And he said, *Art* thou my very son Esau? And he said, I *am*.  
**Genesis 27:24 (KJV)**

5. What happened immediately after Isaac blessed Jacob?

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 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.  
**Genesis 27:30 (KJV)**

6. How did Esau react to Isaac blessing Jacob instead of him?

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 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. **Genesis 27:41 (KJV)**

7. What did Rebekah do to prevent Esau from killing his twin brother Jacob?

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 <sup>43</sup> Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; <sup>44</sup> And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; **Genesis 27:43-44 (KJV)**

8. Give the main promise that God told Jacob during his trip to go live with his uncle Laban.

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 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of. **Genesis 28:15 (KJV)**

9. How long did Jacob stay with his uncle Laban?

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 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. **Genesis 31:41 (KJV)**

10. What was the **big lie** that Laban's sons told about Jacob?

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 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that *was* our father's; and of *that* which *was* our father's hath he gotten all this glory. **Genesis 31:1 (KJV)**

11. Do you believe Laban believed the big lie that his sons were spreading?

**Yes or No**

 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it *was* not toward him as before. **Genesis 31:2 (KJV)**

12. What did God tell Jacob after Laban's sons told the big lie?

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 And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee. **Genesis 31:3 (KJV)**

13. Why do you think Jacob sent messengers to tell Esau that he was coming home?

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 <sup>3</sup> And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom. <sup>4</sup> And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now: <sup>5</sup> And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and womenservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight. **Genesis 32:3-5 (KJV)**

14. What did the messengers tell Jacob about Esau?

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 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.  
**Genesis 32:6 (KJV)**

15. How did Jacob react to what the messengers told him?

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 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands; **Genesis 32:7 (KJV)**

16. Jacob's prayer to God was for **p**\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_  
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harm from his brother Esau.

 <sup>11</sup> Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, *and* the mother with the children. <sup>12</sup> And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.  
**Genesis 32:11-12 (KJV)**

17. Why do you think Jacob sent ahead presents to Esau before arriving with his family?

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 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob *is* behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me. **Genesis 32:20 (KJV)**

18. Why do you think Jacob took his family across the brook?

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 <sup>22</sup> And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had. <sup>24</sup> And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.  
**Genesis 32:22-24 (KJV)**

19. Give a difference between *wrestling* and *boxing*.

*In Boxing,* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*In Wrestling,* \_\_\_\_\_  
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 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.  
**Genesis 32:24 (KJV)**

20. List the wrestlers in the following Scripture.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ e. \_\_\_\_\_  
c. \_\_\_\_\_ f. \_\_\_\_\_

 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.  
**Ephesians 6:12 (KJV)**

21. Give the injury that Jacob suffered in this wrestling event.

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 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. **Genesis 32:25 (KJV)**

22. Circle the word or words that you think describe(s) Jacob's attitude during this wrestling event.

Persistent

Focused

Committed

 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. **Genesis 32:26 (KJV)**

23. What was Jacob's goal in this wrestling event?

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 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. **Genesis 32:26 (KJV)**

24. How did Jacob respond to the man that asked him what his name was?

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 And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? And he said, Jacob. **Genesis 32:27 (KJV)**

25. In view of your own research, the name *Jacob* means \_\_\_\_\_,  
and the name *Israel* means \_\_\_\_\_.

 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. **Genesis 32:28 (KJV)**

26. How did the one that Jacob was wrestling with respond when Jacob asked him his name?

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 And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore *is* it *that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.  
**Genesis 32:29 (KJV)**

27. The name *Peniel* means \_\_\_\_\_.

 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.  
**Genesis 32:30 (KJV)**

28. Describe Jacob's condition after the wrestling event.

- a. Stronger Physically
- b. Stronger Spiritually and Less Strong Physically
- c. Stronger Spiritually and Stronger Physically

 And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh. **Genesis 32:31 (KJV)**

29. What is the tradition practiced by the nation of Israel to remember Jacob's wrestling event with the preincarnate God?

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 Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.  
**Genesis 32:32 (KJV)**

 Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.  
**Genesis 32:32 (NRSV)**

30. Reading Assignment for September 25, 2022 ▼  
**Genesis Chapters 35, 38 and 49**



<sup>22</sup> And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok (*JAB ahk*).

<sup>23</sup> And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

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