

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. John 14:12 ESV

Jacob

Genesis 32: 9-12 NLT

9 Then Jacob prayed, “O God of my grandfather Abraham, and God of my father, Isaac—O Lord, you told me, ‘Return to your own land and to your relatives.’ And you promised me, ‘I will treat you kindly.’

10 I am not worthy of all the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown to me, your servant. When I left home and crossed the Jordan River, I owned nothing except a walking stick. Now my household fills two large camps! 11 O Lord, please rescue me from the hand of my brother, Esau. I am afraid that he is coming to attack me, along with my wives and children. 12 But you promised me, ‘I will surely treat you kindly, and I will multiply your descendants until they become as numerous as the sands along the seashore—too many to count.’”

Genesis 32:24-28 NLT

24 This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. 25 When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob’s hip and wrenched it out of its socket.

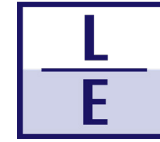
26 Then the man said, “Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!”

But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

27 “What is your name?” the man asked.

He replied, “Jacob.”

28 “Your name will no longer be Jacob,” the man told him. “From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won.”



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Social Constructs

Spiritual Warfare

John 10:10 NIV

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

What Do We Do?

1. Acknowledge

Ephesians 6:12 NKJV

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

2. Active

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8 NIV

3. Authority

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. Matthew 10:1 ESV

How Do We Fight the Battle

1. Resist

Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:13 NIV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10 NIV

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil. 4:13 NIV

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

2. Renounce

Dictionary definitions of the word renounce include “to give up or put aside voluntarily”.

Any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:33, ESV

Contrary to what many believe today, Jesus wasn't speaking metaphorically or exaggerating when He made that statement. He meant what He said: that in order to follow Him, we must voluntarily relinquish control over every aspect of our lives. That includes our possessions, our comfort, our careers, our family, our position, our sin, and even ourselves.

“That's what Jesus asked of His first disciples, and He asks the same of us today.” David Platt

3. Rebuke

Dictionary: Rebuke is an expression or sharp disapproval of an action or behavior.

What we say we rebuke the plans of the enemy:

1. We are saying to the enemy we disagree with your plan for me
2. We are saying we will not follow your deception.
3. We are saying stop interfering with my life.

“He rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.” (Matthew 8:26)

“Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly.” (Matthew 17:18)

“He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her.” (Luke 4:39)