Scripture for Sunday, September 18, 2022

Introduction: *Jacob was the grandson of Abraham, known as the traditional Father or ancestor of the people of Israel. As Jacob transported his family and flocks across the ford of the Jabbock River by night, he recrossed back to send over his possessions. While he was alone, he was in communion with God. There, a mysterious being appeared, believed to be an angel or God Himself. This is the story of what happened that night.*

Genesis 32:22-30 (Common English Bible translation)

22 Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River's shallow water. 23 He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. 24 But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. 25 When the man saw that he couldn't defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob's thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob's thigh as he wrestled with him. 26 The man said, "Let me go because the dawn is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I won't let you go until you bless me."

27 He said to Jacob, "What's your name?" and he said, "Jacob." 28 Then he said, "Your name won't be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won."

29 Jacob also asked and said, "Tell me your name."

But he said, "Why do you ask for my name?" and he blessed Jacob there. 30 Jacob named the place Peniel, "because I've seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved."