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to Christ**

Genesis 32:22-32

22 The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. 24 And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

27 And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

28 Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

29 Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

32 Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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In the womb he took his brother by the heel,
and in his manhood he strove with God.

Hosea 12:3



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7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

II Corinthians 12:7-10

"For we know that the strength of God is made perfect in our weakness, in order that our exaltation may be joined with humility; for if our own strength remained entire, and there were no injury of dislocation produced, immediately the flesh would become haughty, and we would forget that we had done anything by the help of God."

John Calvin



He strove with the angel and prevailed; he wept and sought his favor. He met God at Bethel, and there God spoke with us—

Hosea 12:4

"You are strong when you are weak; you are perfect when you know you are imperfect; you are nearest to heaven when you think you are farthest off; the less you esteem yourself, the higher is God's esteem of you."

Charles Spurgeon



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- ◆ God's grace is powerful to Proclaim Us as His own

He predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will.

Ephesians 1:5

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For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.
So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then
an heir through God.

Galatians 3:26; 4:7

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