

Title: **Experiencing God**  
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Text: **Genesis 32:1-33:10**

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### **INTRODUCTION** (Genesis 25-31)

- Jacob's life was filled with all manner of challenges – issues related to identify and relationships
- Though Jacob came from a godly family and had himself experienced God, he often took things into his own hands
- Jacob tried to deal with challenges in his own strength often through cunning and deceit (His name means “Deceiver”)

### **Setting up an Encounter with God**

- Jacob got alone with God (Genesis 32:22-23)
  - Get rid of all external distractions
- Jacob got close to God (Genesis 32:24-25)
  - Hunger and strive
- Jacob got serious with God (Genesis 32:25-28)
  - Persevere

### **The result of the Encounter with God**

- Jacob received a new name (Genesis 32:28)
  - A God given status
- Jacob received a new start (Genesis 33:1-5)
  - Blessings with no sorrow
- Jacob received a new heart (Genesis 33:10)
  - A heart of joy knowing all is well with God and man

### **CONCLUSION** (John 17:3)

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.