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Scripture Passage: Genesis 22-33  
Text: Genesis 33:10-11

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## INTRODUCTION

Jacob dreaded meeting Esau upon his return back to his homeland with Leah, Rachael and his children. Having angered him early in their relationship as brothers, Jacob expected to Esau to avenge himself and inflict great harm. What Jacob did not take into account was that just as God had been at work in Esau's life as He had been working in Jacob's life. Why do we often not recognize that God is at work? Like Jacob:

### **We are often intent on making things happen**

- Jacob thought success would come with birthright (Genesis 25, 27)
  - He sought STATUS through physical struggle
- Jacob thought success would come with material wealth (Genesis 27)
  - He sought MATERIAL WEALTH through deception
- Jacob thought success would come through relationships (Genesis 29-31)
  - He sought RELATIONSHIPS through human maneuvering

### **We need to actually encounter 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 32:25-26)
  - Persevere and be faithful

### **We will receive God's blessing – an abundant life**

- Jacob received a new name (Genesis 32:2)
  - 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

Psalm 121:1

Lift your eyes above the hills to see the God, the Maker of the hills.