



## Part 2: “Living with a Limp”

### Introduction

It can feel scary to face God. After all, we aren't exactly sure how he will respond to us. That's how Jacob felt as he was going to face his brother Esau. Esau's response is a beautiful illustration of how God wants to respond to you.

### Discussion Questions

1. Jacob spent his life fighting for control. How about you? Do you tend to fight for control or flee from it?
2. One of the main reasons Jacob fought with God was because he struggled to believe God was trustworthy, that he would deliver on his promises. Does trusting come easily for you? Why or why not?
3. Read Genesis 32:22–31. Jacob began the night holding on to God in a fight, but by the dawn, he was holding on to God in faith. Can you think of a “holding on to God” time in your own life that began as a fight but ended in faith? What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself?
4. Jacob didn't experience God's blessing until after their wrestling match. Blessings often follow surrender, and sometimes God needs to cripple us before he can bless us. Is there any area of life where you are resisting surrender? What blessings might be waiting on the other side of surrender?
5. In the message, Gavin asked, “What if God is chasing you to embrace you and accompany you from this moment forward?” If you believed that were true, how might that affect your resistance to surrender?
6. The message concluded with this statement: *Face-to-face is how we experience God's grace.* Is there anything in this season that is keeping you from facing God? What would it look like to turn and face him? How can this group support you?

### Changing Your Mind

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

**John 3:16–17**