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Wrestling with God | Genesis 27:1-40

Icebreaker:

Have you played a trick or practical joke on someone, or has someone played a trick on you pretending to be someone else?

Questions:

1. Rebekah had been told in Genesis 25 that the older would serve the younger. Yet she and her son Jacob are deceptive to get the father's blessing. What does this reveal about their character and their trust in God?
2. How would you describe this family of four: as "religious"? as "Godly"? as "dysfunctional"? as "sinful"? What do you think was our Creator's original intent for the family? What's happened?
3. In Genesis 27:30-40, we see an amazing scene. Can you picture that scene? When Esau found that Jacob had stolen his father's blessing, he was very upset. Have you ever held a grudge against someone or been resentful of their actions? Were you able to forgive them?
4. In verses 34-40, Esau cried and wept aloud. In your imagination, how does Esau appear? With what words did Isaac "bless" Esau? What is telling about this "prediction"? Was Isaac's a blessing or a curse? Why do you think so?
5. How do you deal with someone taking advantage of you? What is the best, most Godly way, to handle those situations?
6. Whose blessing or approval is, or has been, most important to you? Why? Is there someone whose blessing you always wanted, but never received?
7. Who can you impact with a "blessing"? How would you plan to do so?
8. What from this passage is a "word of the Lord to you"? What, if anything, are you to do?

Prayer:

As you pray for one another, please pray for the following needs in our church family:

prayer requests

> Prayers of healing for Sue Armstrong, Pam Bierwagen, Ken Miller, and Janet Winebar, sister of Nancy Baker.

what's coming up!

Israel Trip Informational Meeting

Today | 10:10 or 11:40 am | Chapel
Consider joining ZPC Pastor Scott Shelton on a trip to Israel April 6-19, 2019, with Travel the Text (travelthetext.com). Visit and study Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, and the Dead Sea. Come to a brief informational meeting on Sunday, January 28 at either 10:10 or 11:40 am in the ZPC Chapel. Hold your spot with a \$100 deposit and confirm your spot in summer 2018.
> Scott Shelton [scotts@zpc.org]

Free Birds Game Night

Saturday, Feb 10 | 6:30 pm | Location: TBD
Calling all Freebirds! Come join the fun at Free Birds Game Night on February 10! Card games, board games, maybe even a charade or two! Email Christy for more details about this event or to be put on the Free Bird email list.
> Christy Baugh [christybaugh24@gmail.com]

Second Half Adventurers

Tuesday, Feb 13 | 11 am-1 pm | Gathering Space | Cost: \$10
Please join the Second Half Adventurers at our February luncheon. Actor Danny Russel (or should we say Abraham Lincoln?) will be joining us. Sign up in the Gathering Space this morning.
> Barb Luther [barbarawluther@gmail.com; 317.669.7073]

Save the Date for the All Church Retreat

All Church Retreat | Aug 24, 25, & 26 | Brown County
Another All Church Retreat is in the works! Mark your calendar for August 24, 25, and 26 and stay tuned for more details as they become available!
> Christy Baugh [christybaugh24@gmail.com]

2018 zpc Women's Gathering

Join us for a time of peace, fun, and fellowship with other women of faith. Learn how to find rest and hold on to it in our busy lives through a closer relationship with God.

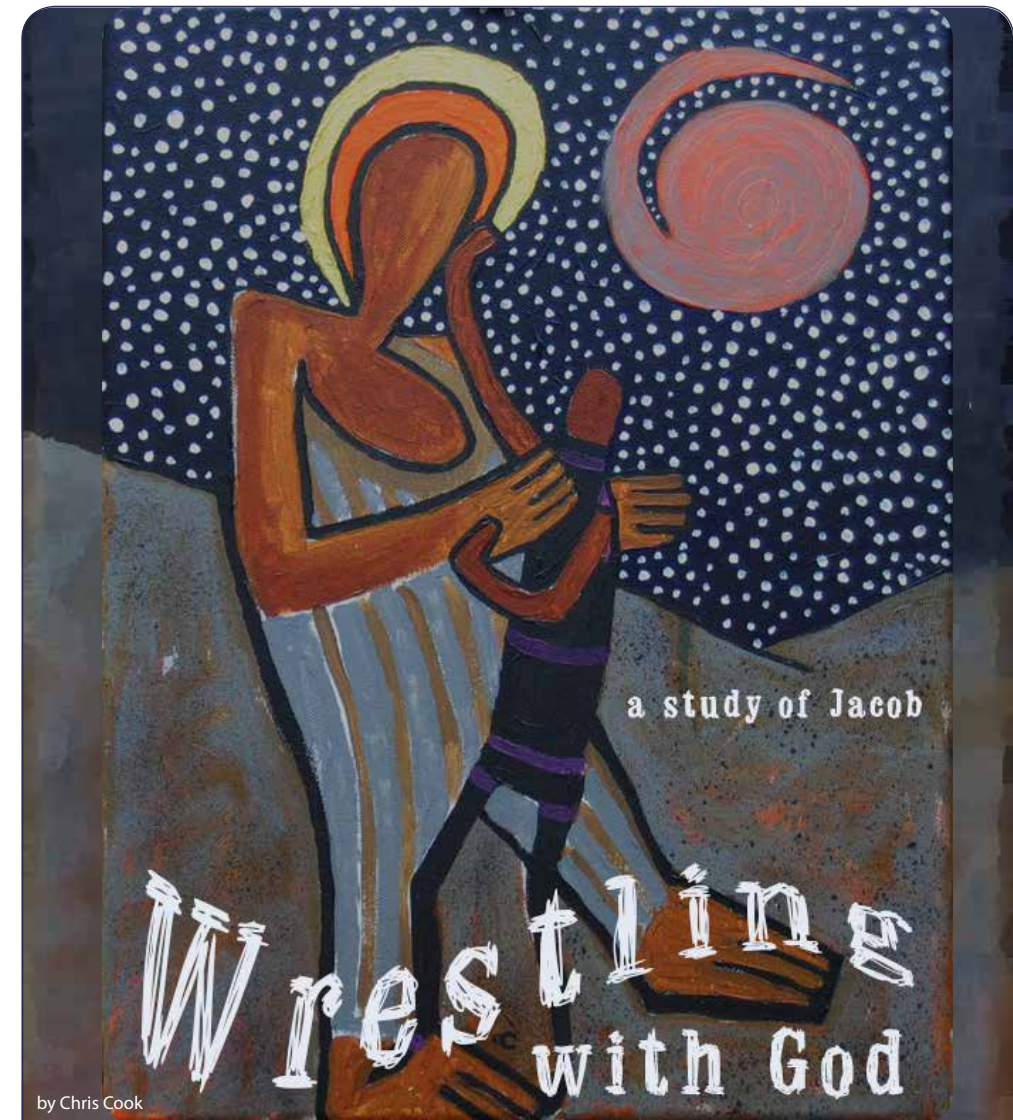
Saturday, February 24 | 9 am-3 pm | Cost: \$30 or 2 for \$40 [bring a friend!]

- Speaker Paula Taylor will guide us to finding rest and holding onto it.
- Worship together with music from Cynthia McCall.
- Have a chance to win door prizes.



- Enjoy a continental breakfast and a farm-style lunch buffet.
- Learn about ministries that serve women in our community.
- Participate in a spiritual practice session.

Register at zpc.org/womens-gathering. Early bird pricing ends Thursday, February 18.



Sunday, January 28, 2018 | 9 and 10:30 am

Called together by God to make disciples and release them for service in our broken world.

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Church office hours:
Monday-Friday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

listen to last week's message at zpc.org/resources/sermon



worship

Welcome to ZPC!

We are glad you're here!

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Wrestling with God | A Study of Jacob

Notes:

Scripture: Genesis 27:1-40

Prayer: If you would like someone to pray with or for you, please go to the west alcove by the cross after the service. It would be our privilege to pray on your behalf.

Assistive listening systems are available upon request. Check in with the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

Our focus is to become and make life-long learners of Jesus through:

- 1. Creating a Caring Community**
- 2. Centering Our Worship and Study on Christ**
- 3. Encouraging Hands-on Missions**

Thank you for coming to ZPC! We would love to get to know you. We encourage you to record your attendance on the welcome pad at today's worship. Please provide your name, address, and contact information. Especially if this is your first time with us, we would welcome the opportunity to connect with you and even deliver a yummy treat!

Join us in the Gathering Space before and after services. Want a name tag? Sign up at the Welcome Center.

the week ahead [zpc.org for more]

2018

Sunday, January 28

ZPCHSM | 6-7:30 pm | ninth-twelfth grades | Youth Center

Youth Inquirers Class | 6:30-7:30 pm | Room 205

Monday, January 29

ZPC Line Dancing | 1:30-2:30 pm

BSF | 7-8:30 pm | Sanctuary

LifeChanges | 7-9 pm | Room 209

Tuesday, January 30

Open Gym | 1-2:30 | Gym

Wednesday, January 31

Open Gym | 1-2:30 pm | Gym

Northwest Indianapolis eTeen | 6:45-8:30 pm | Chapel

Choir Rehearsal | 7-9 pm | Worship Arts Room

Thursday, February 1

Loose Threads | 9:30 am-1 pm | Room 202

LifeChanges Women's Bible Study | 9:30-11:15 am | Chapel

Food Pantry | 5-6 pm | Room 109

Friday, February 2

Food Pantry | 12-2 pm | Room 109

Girls' Awakening | 12 pm | Sanctuary & Youth Hall

Saturday, February 3

Girls' Awakening | All Day | Youth Hall

Sunday, February 5

Children

Nursery Care | 9 and 10:30 am | birth - age three | check in at the Children's Welcome Center

Children's Classes | 9 and 10:30 am | age four - fourth grade | check in at the Children's Welcome Center or in the Gathering Space.

Students

Middle School Ministry [ZPCMSM] | 9 am | Room 205 [fifth - eighth grades]

High School Ministry [ZPCHSM] | 6 pm | Youth Center [ninth - twelfth grades]

Adults

Christian Spiritual Formation | 10:30 am | Room 205

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Matthew 6:20

ZPC Stewardship Update: [6/1/17-1/21/18]

YTD Budget: \$ 1,575,606

YTD Offering: \$ 1,701,769

Sunday morning attendance: 529

congregational gathering



Sunday, Feb 11 | Dinner at 5 pm | Meeting at 5:45 pm

Please join us for dinner and a Congregational Gathering.

Dinner will be served at 5 pm in the Gym. We will adjourn to the Sanctuary for the meeting and share dessert in the Gathering Space afterwards. Childcare for birth through 4th grade is available during the meeting. A donation of \$5 to cover dinner costs is suggested.

RSVP at zpc.org or in the Gathering Space by Monday, February 5.

Business at the gathering will include electing a new ZPC Treasurer. Anyone is welcome to attend the gathering but you must be a member of ZPC to vote on this item of business. In addition, we will hear a ZPC ministry update from Pastor Jerry and others.

> Nancy Baker [nancyb@zpc.org; 317.873.8137x1001]

Spring 2018 Great Banquet and Awakening Weekends



Girls' Awakening #41 | Friday, Feb 2 - Sunday, Feb 4

Boy's Awakening #42 | Friday, Feb 16 - Sunday, Feb 18

Men's Great Banquet #125 | Thursday, March 1 - Sunday, March 4

Women's Great Banquet #126 | Thursday, March 15 - Sunday, March 18