

Home Groups | Week 6 | February 18, 2018
Wrestling with God | Genesis 32:1-21

Icebreaker:

What was one meeting you dreaded? Angry boss, in-laws, sibling, other?

Questions:

1. Jacob was "greatly afraid and distressed." When did you last feel that way? Is that a common feeling for you or not?
2. Verses 9-12 reflect Jacob's prayer: How did he address God, and what is telling about this address? How did he characterize the Lord, and what then did he ask? Upon what promise did he make his plea?
3. Do you ever find yourself working too hard at prayer? Is there a way you can let go and pray from your heart?
4. From this passage, what is the relationship between prayer and planning, planning and prayer? Is it possible to place too great an emphasis upon one or the other of these? If so, how so?
5. Twenty years ago, Jacob had greatly wronged his brother and now sends hundreds of goats, sheep, cows and camels ahead. When you have wronged someone and want to be forgiven, how do you show that you are truly sorry?
6. Were Jacob's gifts more about his fear, guilt, or restitution? Have you ever given gifts out of fear, guilt, or restitution?

In your group and for homework:

Each person in worship this week received a card that said:

"God, I believe. Help my unbelief. Help me in my doubts.
Help me in my fear. Help me."

Pray this prayer aloud as a group before you finish. Ask: When was a time you could have prayed a prayer like this? Do you have something now in your life that this prayer touches?

Use the prayer this week as needed.

As your group closes in prayer, please pray for the following needs in our church family.

prayer requests

- > Prayers of healing for Ken Miller.
- > Prayers for the team and guests for the Boys Awakening that is taking place in our building this weekend.

what's coming up!

ZPCMen Karting Event

Wednesday, Feb 21 | 6:30-9:30 pm | Speedway Indoor Karting
Join ZPCMen for a night of fun and exciting racing at Speedway Indoor Karting (1067 Main Street, Speedway, Indiana). The action is fast but it is all in fun and a great way to test your skills on the course. And if you prefer not to drive, you can still join us there for dinner and plenty of laughter.

> Greg Rankin [greg@deeringdowntown.com]

Men's ThursdayAM Study starting up

Thursdays beginning March 1 | 6:15-7:30 am | Gathering Space
Please join us and invite a buddy, neighbor, or co-worker. Beginners, doubters, seasoned Christians -- all are welcome!

> Harry Milli [hmilli@certifiedfloor.com ; 317.873.6086]

Save the date for Mission Possible!

Saturday, April 21 | 5-8 pm | ZPC
Sunday, April 22 | 9 am-12:30 pm | Gym
Mark your calendar for a fun event to support and promote ZPC's mission partners. More details coming soon!

> Christy Baugh [christybaugh24@gmail.com]

Serve with IHN

ZPC Hosting | March 25-April 1 | ZPC



ZPCers have an opportunity to serve homeless children and their caregivers through Family Promise/

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). We will host families in our building the last week of March. This is a volunteer opportunity for all ages. Please consider serving as an individual or with your family, friends, or Home Group. Details and registration are available at zpc.org. Please contact one of our congregational coordinators with questions.

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2018 Parenting Event

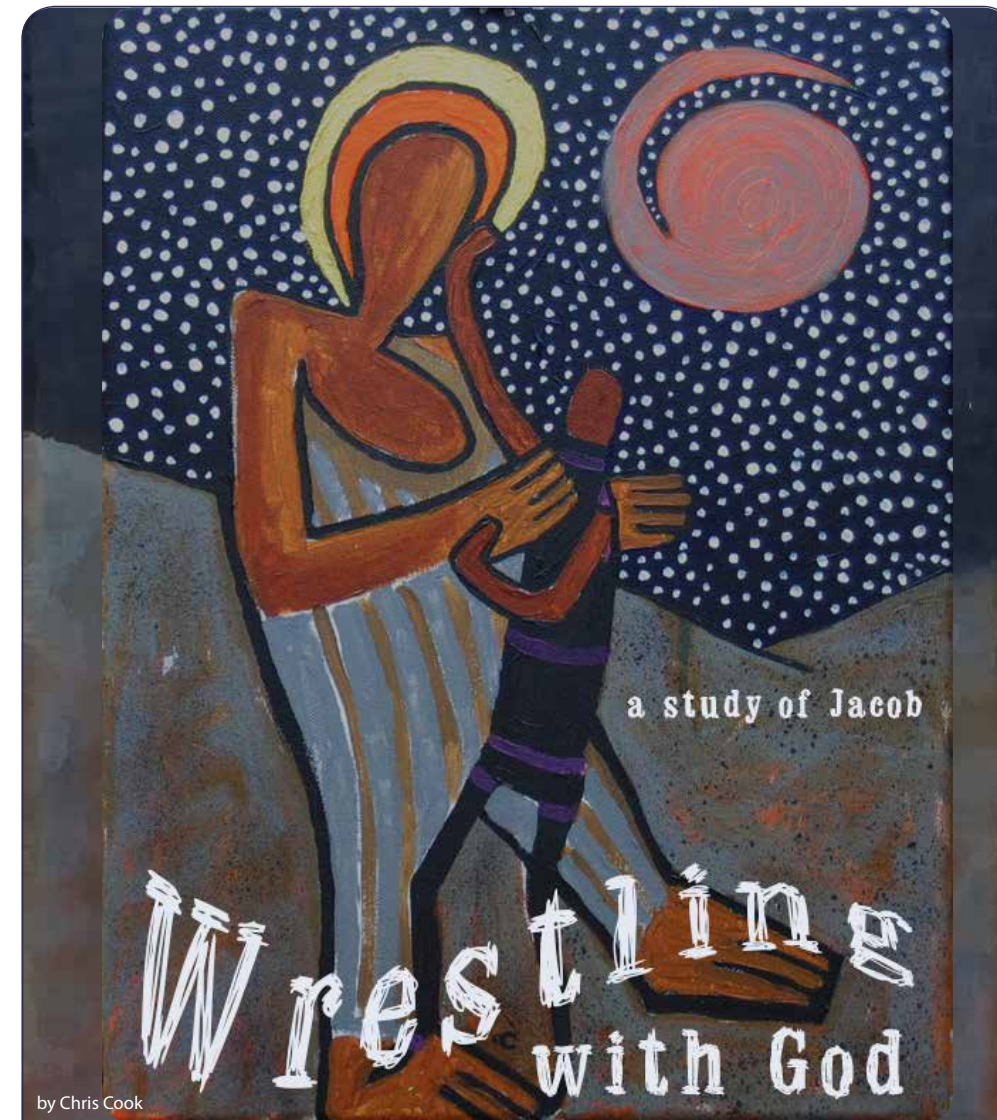
Saturday, March 24 | 2-5:30 pm with dinner following
ZPC will host a parenting event with Jim Burns, author of *Confident Parenting*. Learn about dealing with overcrowded lives; overcoming negative family patterns; creating a grace-filled home; communicating with affection and encouragement; and raising kids who love God. Childcare provided. Register at zpc.org.

> Lynn Strueh [strueh@tds.net]



CONFIDENT PARENTING

BE THE PARENT YOUR FAMILY NEEDS



by Chris Cook

Sunday, February 18, 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, February 18, 2018

Wrestling with God | A Study of Jacob

Notes:

Scripture: Genesis 32:1-21

Prayer: If you would like someone to pray with or for you, please go to the west alcove in the Sanctuary 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.

who we are

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

Later Today, Sunday, February 18

Boys Awakening Closing | 3:30 | Sanctuary

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

Monday, February 19

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

BSF | 7-8:30 pm | Sanctuary

LifeChanges | 7-9 pm | Room 209

Tuesday, February 20

Open Gym | 1-2:30 | Gym

Board of Deacons Meeting | 7-8:30 pm | Room 205

Wednesday, February 21

Open Gym | 1-2:30 pm | Gym

Mission Commission | 7-9 pm | Room 201

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

Faithful Moms GNO | 7-9 pm | Youth Center

Thursday, February 22

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

Food Pantry | 5-6 pm | Room 109

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

Friday, February 23

MOPS | 9:30-11:30 am | Gathering Space

Food Pantry | 12-2 pm | Room 109

Fireside Chat with Paula Taylor | 7-9 pm | Brick Street Inn

Saturday, February 24

Women's Gathering | 8:30 am-3 pm | Gathering Space, Sanctuary, & Gym

Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic | 9-11 am | Room 108 [pro bono legal representation and preventive law education to low income families, including immigrant families]

Sunday, February 25

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

Adult Bible Study | 9 am | Room 201

Christian Spiritual Formation | 10:30 am | Room 205

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

ZPC Stewardship Update: **[6/1/17-2/11/18]**

YTD Budget: \$ 1,691,991

YTD Offering: \$ 1,843,459

Sunday morning attendance: 394

prayer of assurance

Throughout Lent, during our time of prayer in the service, we will be offering a prayer of assurance.

Why do we offer a prayer of confession?

God longs for honesty and holiness within the promise-based relationship he has established with us in Christ. In a culture that avoids talk of sin and culpability, regular prayers of confession foster honesty and openness with God. Just as a marriage cannot flourish without honest confession, so our marriage-like relationship with God cannot flourish unless we freely and honestly express all facets of our life: hopes, fears, sins, desires, thanksgiving, and praise.

What does the assurance of pardon mean?

We confess sin in the context of God's love shown to us through Jesus Christ. Then we hear the strong declaration and assurance of God's forgiveness in Christ. And we respond in joyful gratitude with praise and dedication.

A prayer of assurance allows us to take a moment to open our hearts in confession and be reminded of God's love for us and as we hear his words of assurance – we are forgiven!

ZPC Women's Gathering

Saturday, Feb 24 | 9 am-3 pm | Cost: \$30 or 2 for \$40 *

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.

Join us also on Friday, February 23 at the Brick Street Inn for a Fireside Chat with Paula Taylor, who is our speaker on Saturday. Tickets are \$15 each. *

Register at zpc.org/womens-gathering.

* Early bird pricing ends Sunday, February 18. Beginning Monday, February 19, price for the Gathering goes up to \$40 or 2 for \$60 and the Fireside Chat goes up to \$20.



Spring 2018 Great Banquet Weekends

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

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

