

Icebreaker:

God changed Jacob's name to Israel. Do you like your name? Why or why not?

Questions:

1. Why would Jacob want to be alone on the eve of Esau's arrival? Why would God wrestle with him then? Have you ever wrestled with God on the eve of something important or frightening?
2. Do your relationships (with God or others) often feel like wrestling matches? Is that good or bad?
3. Is it easy or difficult for you to sacrifice in order to attain a blessing? Can you think of a time when you were blessed and walked away with a limp?
4. If you are comfortable, share a "name" (or nickname) that you connect with your own life (either given to you by others or yourself). Is this name helpful for you and your relationships (with God and others) or does it hinder your relationships?
5. What did Jacob learn from his encounter of wrestling with "the man"? For the ancients, what might it have meant "to see the face of God"? Do you fear seeing "the face of God"? Why or why not?
6. What does it mean to have your identity in Christ? How do you live that out practically?
7. Are you wrestling with anything in your life right now? How could God help you or engage with you in your wrestling?

Prayer:

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

prayer requests

> Prayers of healing for Joan Gall and Ken Miller.

Requests from ZPC's February Prayer Calendar:

> Pray for ZPC's Sunday morning ministries including the Greeter Team, Welcome Center Team, Coffee and Donut Ministry, Brunch Team, and Usher Ministry who extend love and compassion to our congregation and to our visitors.

what's coming up!

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]

Second Half Adventurers

March 13 | 11:15 am-1:15 pm | Gathering Space | Cost: \$10
Please join the Second Half Adventurers at our March luncheon. We will welcome Liz Todd, who will share her story, "A walk of faith." Sign up in the Gathering Space this morning.

> Barb Luther [barbarawluther@gmail.com; 317.669.7073]

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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MISSION: POSSIBLE!

missions fair | trivia night | zpc's got talent

Save the date for Mission Possible!

Saturday, April 21 | 5-8 pm | Gym, Gathering Space, & Sanctuary
Sunday, April 22 | 9:45 am-12:30 pm | Gym

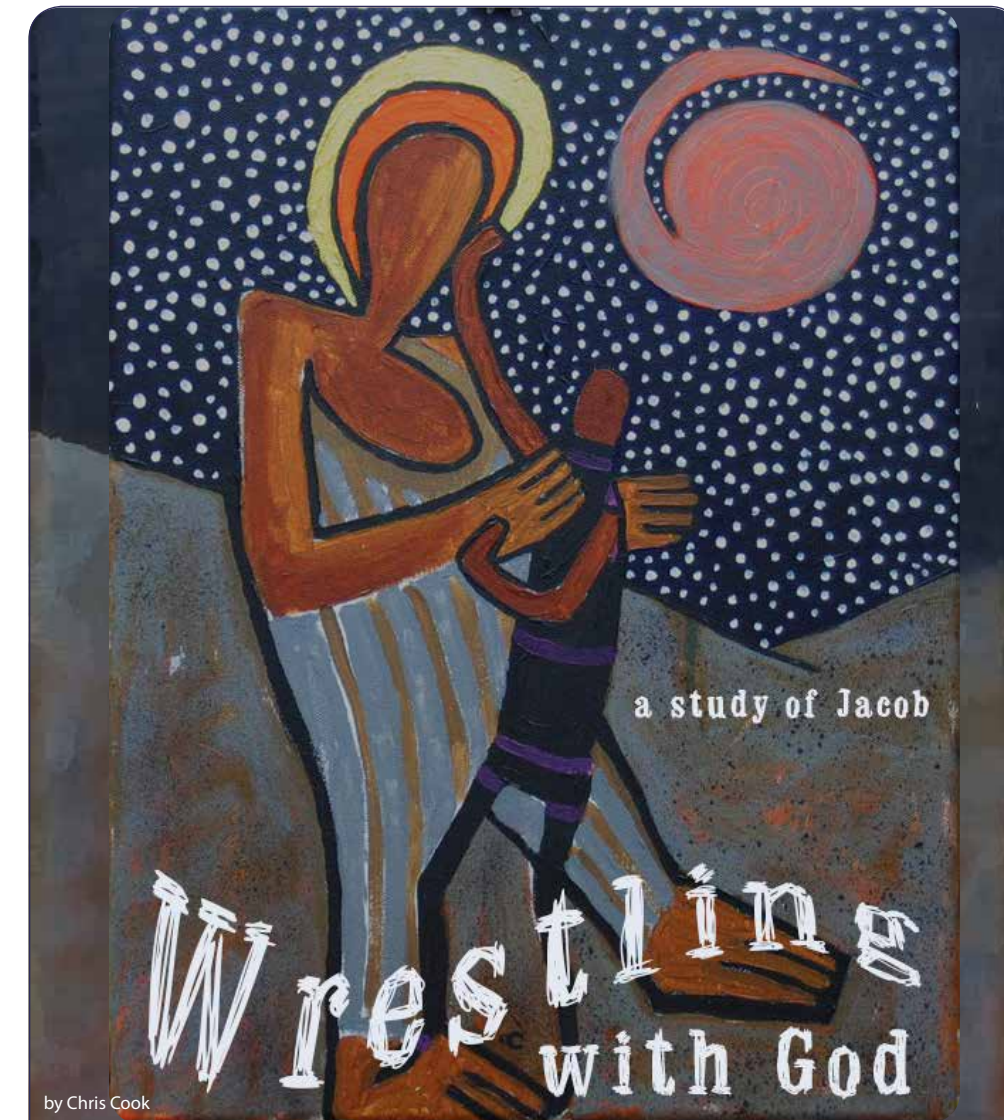
Join us for a fun event coming in April that will support and promote ZPC's mission partners. On Saturday evening ZPC will host a Missions Fair, Trivia Night, and ZPC's Got Talent. If you miss Saturday, you'll have another opportunity to check out ZPC's mission partners during the continuation of the Missions Fair on Sunday morning. More details coming soon – including how you can participate in ZPC's Got Talent!

> Christy Baugh [christybaugh24@gmail.com]

Missed ZPC Congregational Gathering?

If you missed ZPC's Congregational Gathering on Sunday, February 11, a synopsis as well as audio from the evening is available at zpc.org.

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Sunday, February 25, 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 25, 2018

Wrestling with God | A Study of Jacob

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-32

Notes:

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]

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Later Today, Sunday, February 25

Home Group Leaders Luncheon | 11:45 am-2 pm | Room 202
ZPCHSM | 6-7:30 pm | ninth-twelfth grades | Youth Center

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

Monday, February 26

ZPC Line Dancing | 1:30-2:30 pm | Gym
LifeChanges | 7-9 pm | Room 209

BSF | 7-8:30 pm | Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 27

Open Gym | 1-2:30 | Gym

Wednesday, February 28

Faithful Moms Bible Study | 9:45-11:30 am | Room 201
Northwest Indianapolis eTeen | 6:45-8:30 pm | Gym & Chapel

Open Gym | 1-2:30 pm | Gym

Thursday, March 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
Men's Great Banquet #125 | 7 pm | Sanctuary

Friday, March 2

Men's Great Banquet #125 | All Day | ZPC

Food Pantry | 12-2 pm | Room 109

Saturday, March 3

Men's Great Banquet #125 | All Day | ZPC

Sunday, March 4

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: **[6/1/17-2/18/18]**
YTD Budget: \$ 1,719,896
YTD Offering: \$ 1,880,334

Sunday morning attendance: 539

prayer of assurance

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

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.

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. Visit zpc.org for more information and to register.
> Lynn Strueh [strueh@tds.net]



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

