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## **“... & then there’s God’s Way”**

### **Jacob (Part 12)**

**“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.” (Isaiah 55:8)**

#### **The Man with a Plan**

**Genesis 32:13-23** – (13) “So he stayed there that night, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau, (14) two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, (15) thirty milking camels and their calves, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. (16) These he handed over to his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, ‘Pass on ahead of me and put a space between drove and drove.’ (17) He instructed the first, ‘When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, ‘To whom do you belong? Where are you going? And whose are these ahead of you?’ (18) then you shall say, ‘They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a present sent to my lord Esau. And moreover, he is behind us.’ (19) He likewise instructed the second and the third and all who followed the droves, ‘You shall say the same thing to Esau when you find him, (20) and you shall say, ‘Moreover, your servant Jacob is behind us.’ For he thought, ‘I may appease him with the present that goes ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will accept me.’ (21) So the present passed on ahead of him, and he himself stayed that night in the camp. (22) The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. (23) He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had.”

#### **Breaking of a Man & His Plan**

**Genesis 32:24-31** – (24) “And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. (25) When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. (26) Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day has broken.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go unless you bless me.’ (27) And he said to him, ‘What is your name?’ And he said, ‘Jacob.’ (28) Then he said, ‘Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.’ (29) Then Jacob asked him, ‘Please tell me your name.’ But he said, ‘Why is it that you ask my name?’ And there he blessed him. (30) So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, ‘For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.’ (31) The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.”

**Mans' Way: Blessings are of my own making**  
**God's Way: Blessings come from Breaking**

**Human Delusion**

“As she glorified herself and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says, ‘I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and mourning I shall never see.’” (Revelation 18:7)

**Blessing of Brokenness**

“The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.” (Psalm 34:18)

**The Devil's Presumptuous Plan**

“You said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high; I will sit on the mount of assembly in the far reaches of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’” (Isaiah 14:13-14)

**The Jesus Pattern**

“And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.”  
(1 Corinthians 11:24 KJV)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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