



Grace Assembly Of God

Chapter-By-Chapter Bible Reading Devotional

Scripture:	Genesis 32	Title:	"What Is Your Name?"
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Summary of Chapter:	This passage tells us about Jacob who finally decided to go back to his hometown after 20 long years, but he was terrified to hear of his brother Esau, who vowed to kill him for deceiving him and stealing his blessing. Alone, distressed, and terrified that evening, a man came and wrestled with him.		
Key Verses (NLT):	How does it speak to me?		
<p>²⁷ <i>"What is your name?" the man asked. He replied, "Jacob."</i></p> <p>²⁸ <i>"Your name will no longer be Jacob," the man told him.</i></p>	<p>The Man asked, "what is your name"? Short of saying "Who are you?" At that moment, that question struck right at the heart of Jacob's past, his personality, and his need. God asked Jacob to state his own name (Genesis 32:27) in order that Jacob acknowledged who he was, with all his weaknesses, and with all that his name stands for. It was after this confession that God gave Jacob a new name and with it, a new identity. No longer would Jacob be known as a deceiver, for now, he would be called Israel, a prince of God, a man ruled by God.</p> <p>God is indeed a gracious God; each day is an opportunity to witness his grace. As servants of God, we are not immune from worries especially when it comes to future. Even though I was already serving God, the desire to go back to my previous profession as an accountant sometimes crossed my mind. I was in that thought when God asked me, "Who are you?" I was reminded of who I am. "I am a child of God and a servant of God." When I embraced my identity in God, I felt a deep sense of freedom and joy to serve Him. I witnessed the outpouring of God's blessings in His time and in His ways. I have no regrets in serving the living God.</p>		
APPLICATION QUESTIONS:			
Adult:	How would you reply to God when God asked you today, "What is your name?"		
Youth:	How would you reply to your parents when you are being stopped from doing things that you think are good for you but to them might harm you?		
Child:	Have your parents shared with you what your name means? Think and share examples of how to be like the person your parents desire you to become. Pray and ask God to help you to always be in God's plan for your life.		
PRAYER:			
Praying Scripture:	Dear God, I thank You that You are a compassionate and gracious God. Your compassion is new every morning and Your grace is always enough. You know our past, our present and our future. Help us to yield our lives to You, knowing that apart from You we can do nothing. Help us to fix our eyes on You knowing that we can trust You for our present and our future. In Jesus' name, Amen.		
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food they ate, places they went, prayer that is answered, etc)		
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)		
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (can add one name per day). In Jesus Name I/we pray. Amen.		