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WRESTLING WITH GOD LIKE JACOB

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Jeremiah 22:29–30, *"So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, let me go, for it is daybreak. But Jacob replied, I will not let you go unless you bless me. The man asked him, what is your name? Jacob, he answered. Then the man said, your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome. Jacob said, please tell me your name. But he replied, why do you ask my name? Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, it is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared. The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Therefore, to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon."*

We are going to follow Jacob's example. Jacob did something that God loves. If we do the same thing, God will be pleased with us. Jacob wrestled with God, and he came out of that struggle victorious.

Jacob had a problem. He had fled from his brother Esau. After many years spent with Laban, he asked to return home. But he was also afraid to face his brother. So, he made a plan that he believed would guarantee his survival. He sent his servants and his herds ahead of him, while he stayed at the back. That way, if there was any danger, the others would perish before him. This kind of behaviour was actually part of his character. He had already struggled with Esau to come out first from his mother's womb. He had pushed and forced his way forward. He had also taken Esau's birthright; he always tried to make things happen by his own strength. Now, facing his brother again, he felt he had to force his way out once more. He planned everything carefully. Unfortunately for him, this time his opponent was the God of heaven and earth. While Jacob was wrestling with God, God touched his hip socket, dislocated it and pretended to be weak. When God when God feigned weakness, Jacob said to Him: "Bless me." He asked for divine blessing. The Word of God says that it is the blessing of the Lord that makes us rich. Jacob asked God to bless him. He said: "Even if I have to walk with a limp, I will not let You go unless You bless me." God loves perseverance.

Today, God will answer every man and woman who will say: "If You do not bless me, I will not let You go!" You too will be victorious. It was not said that Jacob fought against God. No! He wrestled with God, because God is sovereign. God loves it when we cry out to Him, when we pursue what we want. God says: "To the one who is steadfast in his heart, I will give what he asks for." If you begin a battle to obtain something and God says to you: "I will not give it to you," do not give up! Keep praying! He is a very good God. In His love, He allows Himself to be touched for His glory.

While I was meditating on this message, I remembered our early years on the mission field. Gracielle, our eldest daughter, was very young. She must have been about three

or four years old. She would often say to me, "Daddy, come, let's play." And we would play. I had created a game that was meant to develop faith and boldness in her. I would hold her hands and feet, and she would struggle to break free. The tighter I held her, the harder she would fight to get free. Then I would loosen my grip so that she would believe she was strong. I would release her a little. She would then shake her hands and feet, and I would let her go. I had to allow her to believe that she was strong. This is what God will do. He says, "I allow myself to be found by the one who seeks Me." When you seek Him, He allows Himself to be found. Then you will return limping, but joyful. That is what is going to happen.

> **Isaiah 65:1–2,** *"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations."*

God allowed Himself to be found by people who were not even looking for Him. With a little effort, God will give you what you want. There are times when God allows Himself to be found. That's what He's going to do.

What will you ask Him for? You will ask for divine blessing, because humans have been under a curse: cursed by their sins, cursed by people, cursed by God. A man can lay a curse on your life, but God can deliver you. Sin can bring a curse on you, but God can deliver you. However, when God curses you, no one can deliver you except God Himself. Therefore, you must wrestle with Him; in other words, you must seek your deliverance from Him alone.

- Do not look for a man. Turn to God and say:
- It is You! Only you can break these chains!

Say to Him:

We have sinned! We are not arguing or making excuses! We are bound! The chains are attached to us! Remind Him of your guilt, saying: 'We are rebellious people! We are experiencing battles in our lives!

God will answer you! Do whatever is necessary so that your deliverance may come to pass. This is therefore a day of great intercession.

Some will be visited by God through the Holy Spirit, to the point that their character will be transformed. If you came with a heart full of anger, when God breaks you, you will fall on your knees. You will begin writing letters of repentance to your friends. You will find yourself asking your spouse for forgiveness. Your spouse will be surprised and will forgive you with tears in their eyes. This is a day of great brokenness.

Sinners, the guests who did not want to accept Jesus will feel fire in their hearts. They will seek Jesus. He will meet them after this prayer. They will begin to say, "I have

Jesus. I am saved." People will not believe them, and they will say, "You too? You can believe?" You too will become Israel.

WARFARE PRAYER

Judges 3:7–12, *"The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord; they forgot the Lord their God and served the Baals and the Asherahs. The anger of the Lord burned against Israel so that He sold them into the hands of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram Naharaim, to whom the Israelites were subject for eight years. But when they cried out to the Lord, He raised up for them a deliverer, Othniel son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, who saved them. The Spirit of the Lord came on him, so that he became Israel's judge and went to war. The Lord gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who overpowered him. So, the land had peace for forty years, until Othniel son of Kenaz died. Again, the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and because they did this evil the Lord gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel."*

Judges 6:1–8, *"The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, and for seven years he gave them into the hands of the Midianites. Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds. Whenever the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites and other eastern peoples invaded the country. They camped on the land and ruined the crops all the way to Gaza and did not spare a living thing for Israel, neither sheep nor cattle nor donkeys. They came up with their livestock and their tents like swarms of locusts. It was impossible to count them or their camels; they invaded the land to ravage it. Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the Lord for help. When the Israelites cried out to the Lord because of Midian, he sent them a prophet, who said: "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I brought you up out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."*

When the people sin, God delivers them into the hands of the enemy. When they suffer, they cry out to God, and God answers them. God then chooses another man to fight against the oppressor of the people. This is the pattern of the overthrow of principalities. The evil spirit that ruled over you because God had abandoned you can be overthrown if you return to the Lord. God will overthrow it! God will destroy its authority! Everything that is called strong man, evil spirit, or principality that rules over you because you are an idolater is overthrown when you return to God. Above us, there are evil spirits floating around, destroying anything inside you that could lead to God. If you intend to do something for God, they will come to fill your mind with negative ideas and instill fear in you. If you want to express your faith, they come to confuse you so that you will not truly believe, because they know that if you believe, you will be delivered.

There are abysses that are like deep pits and that fill the darkness. Down there, at

the bottom, there are demons that influence people. They can keep you in ignorance and poverty. In the seas, there are spirits at work to harden the hearts of men. But if you cry out to God, He will send an angel to fight the angel of Satan who guards his prisoners. As soon as God's angel arrives, he strikes, and the waters remain empty.

In cemeteries, there are demons. The souls that have not gone to heaven have their spirits there. Let no one deceive you. The Bible speaks about "the spirit of the dead." The spirits of the dead exist. There is also death itself. The book of Revelation says that death and Hades will be thrown into the lake of fire. In the Bible, God forbids engaging with people who invoke the dead or consult them. This means that there are people who invoke spirits, and God forbids it. These spirits of the dead are used by the devil to keep people in bondage. Cry out to God tonight. Hold on to Him and say: "I will not let You go unless You bless me. I have lived in sin and gained nothing from it. Do not send me back to my sin. Save me, Lord. Deliver me. Heal me." When Israel prayed, God sent a deliverer to defeat Cushan-Rishathaim. God will send Archangels, powerful cherubim, and warfare Angels to defeat these spirits and set you free from that prison. These are God's Angels. They are mighty in the God's battles. But hold on to your Father!

Look at the Midianites; they had a special war technique. Other nations would come to attack people, take them as prisoners, or rule over them directly. But the Midianites used a different approach. They would let the people work for a whole year. They wouldn't disturb them. They would let them labour and the fields, yield their crops. During harvest time, they would send a messenger to tell Israel that everything they had cultivated belonged to them. Then they would come in great numbers and ravage everything.

Listen, the Bible says that Israel became very miserable because of Midian. If you work hard and someone else eats the fruit of your labor, you will experience true misery. If you have never worked and you only live from alms and begging, it may not affect you in the same way. Even when someone gives you a small amount, you simply say, "Thank you." But if you have worked, if you see your field becoming ripe, and your heart rejoices because of what you have produced, and the enemy comes and claims ownership of your field, demanding you stay away from the land you have worked so hard to cultivate." That would bring deep sorrow. You would remain at home, hungry, while the enemy comes and takes everything away. Then he tells you, "Go back to work now. Failure to do so will be considered a rebellion. We will beat you and even kill you." And once again, you return to work without receiving any reward for your labor.

What God is asking from us tonight is to cry out to Him. There was only one solution for the Israelites at that specific moment: they had to "cry out to God." Who can deliver you? No one! Here, everyone must return to God.

They cried out to the Lord. When you cry out to God, He sends His armies against your enemies. He said to the people of Israel: "For your sake, I send the enemy against Babylon." Your cries will cause God to send His army somewhere tonight. If it is against a tortoise, He will split it open. If it is against a many-headed serpent, the army of God will cut off its heads and destroy it. We were in Benin, and a young girl saw a three-headed serpent coming out of her. Even if yours has many heads and that is where its strength comes from, those heads will be cut off. If it is a gorilla spirit, all its bones will be broken.

If they are water spirits, Komians, Mami Watas, Tetekpans, or voodoo spirits, they will all be brought down! If you are under their power, you will be delivered!

Just cry out. Say to Jesus: "I am tired. I can no longer sleep." You will be delivered!

Stand up!

Spirit husbands are demons that oppress people because of the divine curse. Tonight, the Lord is going to strike them and give people true partners! God will restore lives and establish true, God-given relationships. There will be many testimonies of genuine marriages. All demons that come to dominate because God was angry will all be cast out today! Be sincere and true!

There are people who are troubled. At some point they want to look for homosexuals—you are set free! There are people who are addicted to drugs. There are people who are enslaved by the demons of drugs. Their parents did not show them the true God. They live under oppression.

Cry out to God.

Say to God:

- I do not want to be immoral; I want to follow You! O God, if You do not bless me, I will not let You go! I have no one who can deliver me! I have already shared my problem with many people, and each one has told me that they have no solution. O Father, You who lead the armies—billions of armies—You who say, "Call on me in the day of trouble," I am weary! This life of oppression has made me miserable. This life of suffering and idolatry has made me miserable. I am afflicted like Israel under the yoke of the Midianites (Keep praying.)
- Repent of every sin. Continue to cry out to God; speak to Him. If the Father is for us, who can be against us? For if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (Let us pray in tongues.)
- O Lord, command salvation! Command blessing! Command healing! Command restoration! Command the answer! Command prosperity!
- Let there be complete confusion among those who rule unjustly and those who oppress. Let them be judged, overthrown, and scattered.

- Let those that are to be cut into pieces be cut into pieces. Let those who are to fall by the sword of the LORD fall by the sword of the LORD. O Father, let nothing remain standing against me.
- Let every resistance crumble. Let pride and every support of pride collapse. Let Your people regain their freedom. May entire families be set free.
- Now keep on praying, giving thanks to God. Give thanks to God, for He is the One who forgives! Give thanks to God, for He is the One who delivers! Give thanks to God, for He is the One who heals! Give thanks to God, for He is the Supreme Judge! (Keep praying!).
- Wicked spirits, our God has forgiven us. You have no right to remain here. You Midianite spirits, Midianite spirit husbands, leave now! (Drive every Midianite spirit out of your life!)
- In the name of Jesus, every spirit husband and water spirit, leave now! Depart in the name of Jesus! Our Father has forgiven us. Leave now!
- In the name of Jesus, every spirit husband, whether tall or small, leave now! (Some spirit husbands are dwarves some are giants), whether dwarves or giants, depart! (Continue praying.)
- Spirit of the dead, spirit husband, leave! Spirit of the dead, spirit wife, leave! Every reptile spirit, every spirit husband and spirit wife, leave! Every serpent spirit, depart now in the name of Jesus!
- In the name of Jesus, we break every chain! We tear every veil! We break every tie! We destroy every bottle, every prison, every clay pot, and every object in which stolen blessings have been kept, in the name of Jesus Christ! (Continue praying.)
- In the name of Jesus, you wicked spirits, that acted like Midian, you have stolen all the profits from our businesses and our trade. You have stolen our wages so that we had the money but did not enjoy it. In the name of Jesus, we snatch our possessions! We snatch our businesses! We snatch our salaries! We snatch our turnovers! (Keep on praying.)
- Put your hand on your head and say:
- We drive out all diseases brought up us. We drive them out of our bodies! We drive them out of our lives! We drive them out of our families! We judge all diseases. We command healing for all who are suffering. We insist that We insist that any evil legacy created by evil spirits or sorcerers be burned! Let everything that has been stolen be recovered, in the name of Jesus!

Sickness, leave now! Whatever name you have been given, you must go! Even if you have been misdiagnosed, you know that you must leave. Go now, in the name of Jesus Christ!

Be seated and remain calm.

- The Lord fights for us! Even if the battle is in the sea, He fights for us. Even if it is in a lake, He fights for us. Even if anything has been confined in a bottle, we break that bottle. Even if it is in a tomb, or overlaid tombs, we break those tombs. In the name of Jesus, we set your soul free. Wicked spirit, leave and never return! Leave behind everything you have stolen! Go, and never come back! The Lord was angry, but His anger has turned away, and now His wrath is against the wicked!
- If anyone is living in a house where the spirits of the dead are present, and they cannot thrive due the atmosphere is heavy, I declare that you are free. It is Jesus who sets you free!

Say:

- My home belongs to me! Even if someone has accommodated me, I have the right to live there free from every demon. Even if those spirits were invited by the person who accommodated me, I am not part of their agreement. I break this evil tie! I destroy every evil connection! No spirit touches me! No spirit touches my belongings.
- If you live in a house where the owner is a sorcerer and oppresses you, or if you have accommodated someone who is a sorcerer—you pitied him, but he oppresses you and takes everything that belongs to you—you are delivered! (Let us pray in tongues.)
- Behold the work of Christ, who has subdued your enemies. Believe that you are a child of God, and do not doubt. Your victory depends on that faith.
- In the name of Jesus, wicked spirit, whatever your assignment, and whoever sent you, you are cast out! If you are seated on a throne, we overthrow you! You are brought down to the dust and stripped. Leave now and never return!

If your feet feel cold, it is the hidden spirit of death that is leaving you now. If your hands or feet are itching, it is a spirit of death. Let it depart now! If you become heavy, it is a spirit that wants to leave you.

Raise your right hand and say:

- In the name of Jesus, if there is a serpent that has fled and hidden somewhere, we send the fire of God wherever it has hidden. If it has entered the waters, we send the fire of God into the waters. If it is a flying serpent, we cut you into pieces in the air!
- If someone has bought a serpent, or if they were given a plant that is actually a serpent to plant, whether they knew it or not, we uproot that plant and burn it! We uproot it and we burn it! We break every evil ties established because of that plant, and we set every captive free!

- In the name of Jesus, if a brother or sister has been bewitched through a handshake, and from that day a disease was transferred to them, we destroy that disease. We cast it into the abyss; we cast it into the abyss!

If your wallet was taken from you in a dream, and even though you judged that act and the thief, when you woke up you noticed that nothing had changed—the money became scarce in your hands from the time it was taken, and even those who owe you refuse to pay what they owe—you are delivered!

Say:

- I snatch my blessings! I snatch my money, and I call them back into my possession.

In the name of Jesus, I separate myself from every object taken from my home or from my body that has been used to bewitch me: my clothing, my wrapper, my shoes, my fingernails, my hair, and anything else that was taken from me. I separate myself from these things and cancel the bewitchment.

If you have an ailment that began after you were punched or shot with a gun in a dream, that is how the Midianites terrorized the children of Israel.

Say:

- I judge this action, and I say to satan: "You have failed. I send this work back to whoever did it, and I remain free and healed."
- In the name of Jesus, if there is a woman who has been bewitched by her mother-in-law so that she would never conceive, leave now! We release the blessing of childbearing!
- In the name of Jesus, we insist: if there is here or online a sister who has been bewitched by her mother-in-law so that she would not give birth, we drive you out, we strike your works, and we burn them in the fire. We release children and genuine pregnancies.
- In the name of Jesus, if this bewitchment has affected her son, causing him to become the family's provider who takes care of everyone while possessing nothing for himself, we break this yoke, we break this bondage, and we put an end to this slavery!
- In the name of Jesus, if there is anyone in this crowd who has been bewitched in order to lose their job, whose name has been defiled and tarnished, we deliver you in the name of Jesus! We cleanse your name from slander and false report.
- If there is a young man writing a thesis whose supervisor is wicked, and who has suggested that he do demonic things, but the young man refused and the supervisor is oppressing him, we deliver you from this evil! We protect you, we deliver you from all satanists, and we establish you in authority over your supervisor!

- If there is someone whose soul is in the realm of the dead, we bring you out from there!
- If among the guests there is someone possessed by a hidden spirit of death, waiting for the day when it will cause an accident, we break its works. Come out and leave now!

I take refuge under the blood of Jesus. Let no demon follow me or anyone!