

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Genesis 32:22–29

Memory Verse

¹⁵ Wherever you go, I will watch over you, then later I will bring you back to this land. I won't leave you—I will do all I have promised.

Genesis 28:15



CASEY'S DAY

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Like many siblings, brothers Jacob and Esau competed for their parents' attention. One day, when their father Isaac was very old and near death, Jacob tricked Isaac. He dressed up like his older brother, Esau, and brought Isaac his favorite food. Isaac, almost blind, mistakenly blessed Jacob as the next leader of their family, even though—according to Jewish custom—Esau had that right.

Esau's great anger drove Jacob away, and Jacob went to live with his mother's brother, Laban. After many years, God told Jacob to return to his homeland, but Jacob feared Esau. Would Esau still be angry?

One night, during the long journey back, Jacob had a strange dream. In the dream, an angel of the Lord appeared. Jacob fought the angel all night. As they fought, the angel injured Jacob's hip. Then Jacob demanded a blessing from God. Instead, God gave him a new name: Israel.

Why?

Israel is the name of a nation. Jacob's new name was God's way of saying, "Jacob, don't be afraid. Your family will grow and become the nation of Israel." Jacob's new name held God's blessing. Jacob's limp reminded him of God's presence.

Instead of patting himself on the back for getting what he wanted, Jacob marveled that he had met the one true God. With the blessing contained in his new name, Jacob courageously met his brother and discovered Esau wasn't angry anymore. Esau embraced Jacob, and together, their families returned home.

Do you know Jacob's blessing is your blessing too? God knows your name and calls you his own. He knows your hopes and fears. And he will never leave you.

Prayer

Lord, there is no more incredible blessing than knowing we are your kids. You delight in us and know our names. You call us your own and walk with us always. Just as you showed Jacob, help us always to remember who we are.

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