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Week 5: “Living with our Wounds If  
and When They Heal ”

Genesis 32:22-32

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WHAT WE'VE LEARNED SO FAR



## Week 1: Memorials to Remember What God Has Done and to Give Us Hope



Joshua 4

## Week 2: Examining Our Wounds



Isaiah 53




## Week 3: Why Our Wounds Don't Heal

Recurrent Injury      Hypoxia/Ischemia

CHRONIC INFLAMMATION

Infection      Cellular Failure

Jeremiah 30



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## Week 4: How Our Wounds Heal


**Hemostasis: V. 1-7: The role of Christ in the process**

**Inflammation: V. 8-23 Our response to the process**

**Proliferation: V. 24-34 How we grow in the process**

**Restoration: V. 35-41: The ultimate purpose in the process**

John 9



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## Talking about Healed Wounds

- The only way to talk about healed wounds is to talk about scars of wound repair in the skin and other tissues



## Definition of a Scar

- A scar results from the biologic process of wound repair in the skin and tissues.



## How God Uses Our Wounds to Affect Us

1. To get our attention (C.S. Lewis: “Pain is God's Megaphone”)
2. To redefine or redirect our priorities (Haggai 1:4-11)
3. To draw us to Himself (2 Chron. 15:4)



## How God Uses Our Wounds to Affect Us

4. To discipline or correct us (Romans 13:24)
5. To Strengthen our faith (1 Peter 1:7)

(Randy Alcorn: “How stress affects us”)



## Jesus' Scars

- He could have removed them, but He didn't
- He used them to show us His sacrifice



## Living with a Limp

Genesis 32:22-32

## Jacob Wrestles With God



## GENESIS 32: 22-25

22. That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.
23. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.
24. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.
25. 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.



## GENESIS 32: 26-29

26. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."
27. The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.
28. 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."
29. But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.



## GENESIS 32: 30-32

30. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”
31. The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.
32. 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.



## The Story of Jacob

- Relational wounds
- Emotional wounds
- Spiritual wounds
- Now a physical wound





## The Story of Jacob

- The wrestling match



## The Story of Jacob

- Living with the results
  - A new appearance
  - A new purpose/direction
  - A new name



## Scars & Wounds

- Are there to remind of us what happened
  - To Remember who is really in control
    - Different on the outside, the inside & a different view for the future

