

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Have you ever lived through a hard season of struggle but looking back you can see it made you stronger or wiser? What was it, and how did it change you?

LEARN & APPLY

Read Genesis 32:6-12. What is Jacob reminding God about in verse 9?

- What does he confess in verse 10?
- What does he ask in verse 11?
- What is his purpose in ending with the words of verse 12?

Read Genesis 32:22-28. How do you think God used this wrestling match in Jacob's life?

- What do you think it meant to him to be called "one who wrestles with God and perseveres" rather than "schemer"?
- How do you think God might be inviting you to see yourself in this story?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:6-10. The Apostle Paul recognized that his struggle led him to continually seek Jesus' grace as the source of his strength.

- Are there struggles in your life that always seem to bring you to prayer?
- Can you see ways this verse is true in your life? Why or why not?

Read John 18:4-9. Jesus chose to take on the struggle with death for us so we can claim eternal life, not as our victory, but as his blessing. Does knowing Jesus' choice to do that for you help you navigate the other struggles of life? What does this tell you about God's love?

PRAY

Ask the Lord to show you he's with you even through your struggles today.