

## What Most People Miss — Genesis 32–36

- Mahanaim (“Two Camps”): Physical fear vs. spiritual protection happening simultaneously.
- Jacob prays, then schemes: faith mixed with self-reliance.
- Wrestling with God: blessing comes through surrender, not victory.
- The limp: a permanent reminder to depend on God.
- Name change (Jacob → Israel): identity shift, not instant perfection.
- Favoritism persists: transformation is a process.
- Esau’s heart changed before Jacob arrived: God was already working.
- Jacob still deceives: old habits linger.
- Dinah’s story: leadership vacuum leads to chaos and generational sin.
- Fear returns: growth is not linear.
- Return to Bethel: God calls us back to our first encounter.
- Hidden idols: spiritual drift happens subtly.
- God protects without effort: contrast to earlier striving.
- Identity reaffirmed: we need reminders of who we are becoming.
- Benjamin renamed: future identity not defined by pain.
- Reuben’s sin: misuse of power costs future blessing.
- Isaac’s death: closure of a generation.
- Esau’s genealogy: worldly success vs covenant purpose.