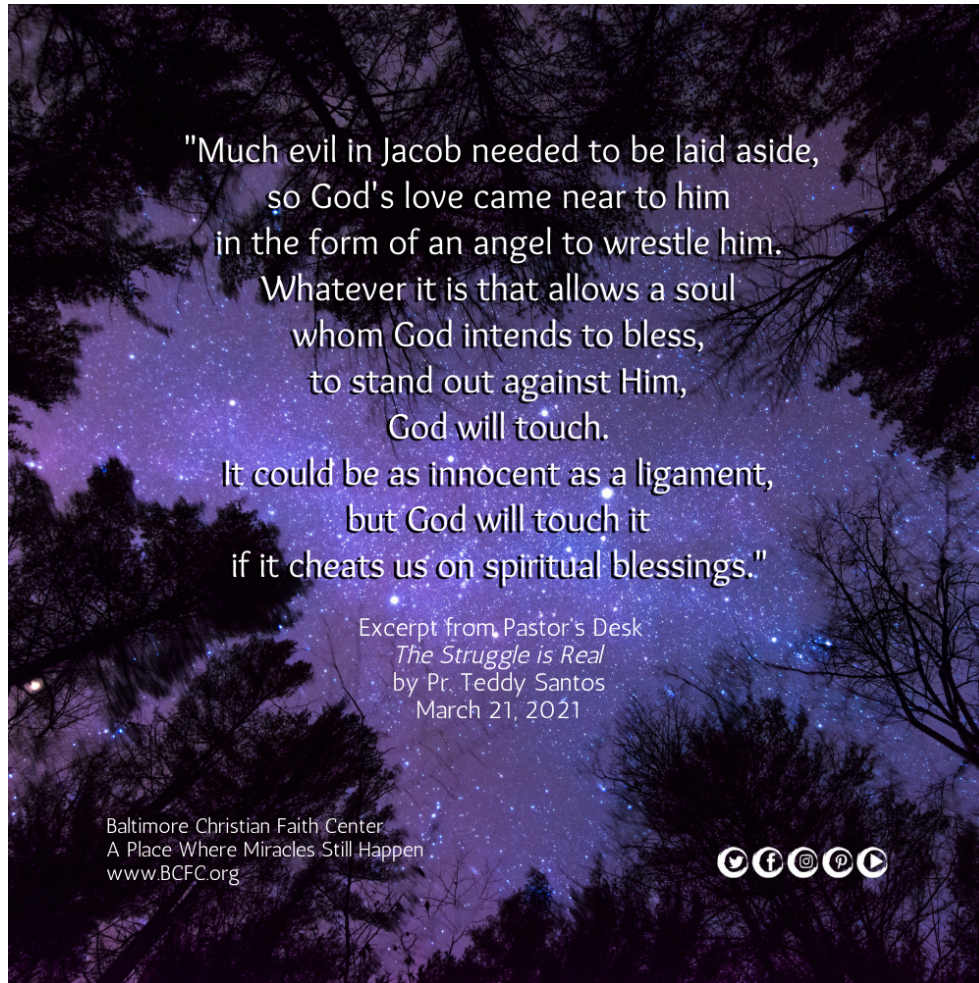


THE STRUGGLE IS REAL

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Gen 32:28 *"And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."*

This account of the angel grappling with Jacob is an example of God's heartfelt desire to remove from us all that hinders our best and highest life while we resist with sway and might. Much evil in Jacob needed to be laid aside, so God's love came near to him in the form of an angel to wrestle him. Whatever it is that allows a soul whom God intends to bless, to stand out against Him, God will touch. It could be as innocent as a ligament, but God will touch it if it cheats us on spiritual blessings.

Jacob then dropped the posture of resistance and defense and clasped to his Adversary. It is immeasurable when we come to this attitude because there is nothing God will not do for the soul that holds to Him in complete weakness. We see an example of this with the Apostle Paul when he wrote “...*For when I am weak, then I am strong.*” 2Co 12:10

A few things happened here: **The altered name**, which meant a changed character. The supplanter became royal! There exists only one road to royalty; it is the pathway of self-surrender and faith. **Power:** “*for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.*” If you want to have power and authority, you must first secure it by submitting to God. There is no other way! **The Divine Vision:** “*For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.*” v. 30. We behold the magnificent Glory after the night of grappling. The price is steep, but the vision more than recompenses. Our struggles are not worthy of being compared to the Glory which will be revealed. Now the question beholds: Are you ready?

At His service,
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