

The Transformation Choice

FIVE PHASES GOD USES TO CHANGE ME

1. _____

"Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the LORD... I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant... Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him" Genesis 32:9-11

REALITY CHOICE: _____ I need help; that I'm _____ to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable on my own.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3

2. _____

"He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him." Genesis 32:23-25

HOPE CHOICE: Earnestly believe that God is alive, that I matter to Him, and that He has _____.

3. _____

"And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" Genesis 32:26

COMMITMENT CHOICE: Consciously choose to _____ all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

"And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God." Romans 6:13

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:9

4. _____

"So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." Genesis 32:27

Jacob = 'deceiver/manipulator"

HOUSECLEANING CHOICE: I openly examine and confess my faults to

5. _____

"And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel... And He blessed him there." Genesis 32:28-29

Israel = "Prince of God"

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Matthew 5:6

TRANSFORMATION CHOICE: Voluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.

"Just as he crossed over Penuel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip." Genesis 32:31

"And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

God wants to change you!