

第二篇

蒙揀選、受對付、被破碎

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- 創 31:38 我同你在一起這二十年，你的母綿羊、母山羊沒有掉過胎；你羣中的公羊，我沒有喫過；
- 創 31:39 被野獸撕裂的，我沒有帶來給你，是我自己賠上。無論是白日，是黑夜，被偷去的，你都向我索要。
- 創 31:40 我白日受乾熱銷磨，黑夜受寒霜侵蝕，不得合眼睡著，我常是這樣。
- 創 31:41 我這二十年在你家裏，為你的兩個女兒服事你十四年，為你的羊羣服事你六年，你十次改了我的工價。
- 創 32:22 他夜間起來，帶著兩個妻子，兩個使女，並十一個孩子，過雅博渡口。
- 創 32:23 他帶著他們，打發他們過河，又打發所有的都過去。
- 創 32:24 只剩下雅各一人，有一個人和他摔跤，直到黎明。
- 創 32:25 那人見自己勝不過他，就將他的大腿窩摸了一把；雅各正與那人摔跤的時候，他的大腿窩就脫了節。
- 創 32:26 那人說，天快亮了，讓我去吧。雅各卻說，你若不給我祝福，我就不讓你去。
- 創 32:27 那人對他說，你名叫甚麼？他說，我名叫雅各。
- 創 32:28 那人說，你的名不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列；因為你與神與人較力，都得了勝。
- 創 32:29 雅各問他說，請將你的名告訴我。但那人說，你何必問我的名？於是祂在那裏給雅各祝福。
- 創 32:30 雅各便給那地方起名叫毘努伊勒，因為他說，我面對面看見了神，我的性命仍得保全。
- 創 32:31 日頭升起，照在雅各身上，那時他渡過毘努伊勒，他的大腿就瘸了。

Message Two

Chosen, Dealt With, and Broken

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Scripture Reading: Gen. 25:22-23; 31:38-41; 32:22-32; 34:30; 35:1, 16-21, 27

- Gen 25:22 And the children struggled with each other within her. And she said, If it is so, why am I like this? And she went to inquire of Jehovah.
- Gen 25:23 And Jehovah said to her, Two nations are in your womb, / And two peoples shall be separated from your bowels. / And the one people shall be stronger than the other people. / And the older shall serve the younger.
- Gen 31:38 These twenty years have I been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks.
- Gen 31:39 That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself. Of my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.
- Gen 31:40 Thus I was: By day the dry heat consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.
- Gen 31:41 These twenty years have I been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times.
- Gen 32:22 And he rose up that night and took his two wives and his two female servants and his eleven children and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok.
- Gen 32:23 And he took them and sent them over the stream and sent over what he had.
- Gen 32:24 And Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until the break of dawn.
- Gen 32:25 And when the man saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was dislocated as he wrestled with Him.
- Gen 32:26 And the man said, Let Me go, for the dawn is breaking. But Jacob said, I will not let You go unless You bless me.
- Gen 32:27 And He said to him, What is your name? And he said, Jacob.
- Gen 32:28 And He said, Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.
- Gen 32:29 And Jacob asked Him and said, Please tell me Your name. But He said, Why is it that you ask My name? And He blessed him there.
- Gen 32:30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, for, he said, I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been preserved.
- Gen 32:31 And the sun rose upon him as he crossed over Penuel, and he limped because of his hip.

創 32:32 故此，以色列人不喫大腿窩的筋，直到今日，因為那人摸了雅各大腿窩的筋。

創 34:30 雅各對西緬和利未說，你們連累我，使我在這地的居民中，就是在迦南人和比利洗人中，有了臭名。我的人丁既然稀少，他們必聚集來攻擊我，我和全家的人都必滅絕。

創 35:1 神對雅各說，起來，上伯特利去，住在那裏；要在那裏築一座壇給神，就是你逃避你哥哥以掃的時候向你顯現的那位。

創 35:16 他們從伯特利起行，離以法他還有一段路程，拉結臨產甚是艱難。

創 35:17 正在艱難的時候，接生婦對她說，不要怕，你又要得一個兒子了。

創 35:18 她將近於死，魂要離開的時候，就給她兒子起名叫便俄尼；他父親卻給他起名叫便雅憫。

創 35:19 拉結死了，葬在通往以法他的路旁；以法他就是伯利恆。

創 35:20 雅各在她的墳上立了一個碑，就是拉結的墓碑，到今日還在。

創 35:21 以色列起行前往，在以得臺的那一邊支搭帳棚。

創 35:27 雅各來到他父親以撒那裏，到了基列亞巴的幔利，乃是亞伯拉罕和以撒寄居的地方；基列亞巴就是希伯崙。

壹 雅各蒙神揀選；因此，在雅各身上我們看見神的揀選——創二五 21～26，羅九 11：

創 25:21 以撒因他妻子不能生育，就為她祈求耶和華；耶和華應允他的祈求，他的妻子利百加就懷了孕。

創 25:22 孩子們在她裏面彼此相爭，她就說，若是這樣，我為甚麼活著呢？她就去向耶和華。

創 25:23 耶和華對她說，兩國在你腹中，兩族要從你身內分出。這族必強於那族，將來大的要服事小的。

創 25:24 她生產的日子到了，腹中果然是雙子。

創 25:25 先出來的身體發紅，渾身有毛，如同毛皮衣；他們就給他起名叫以掃。

創 25:26 隨後以掃的弟弟也出來了，他的手抓住以掃的腳跟，因此給他起名叫雅各。利百加生下兩個兒子的時候，以撒年六十歲。

羅 9:11 雙子還沒有生下來，善惡也沒有作出來（只因要堅定神揀選人的旨意，不是本於行為，乃是本於那呼召人的），

一 神愛雅各並且揀選了他——13 節，瑪一 2，弗一 4，二 4。

羅 9:13 正如經上所記：『雅各是我所愛的，以掃是我所恨的。』

瑪 1:2 耶和華說，我愛了你們；你們卻說，你在何事上愛了我們呢？耶和華說，以掃不是雅各的哥哥麼？我卻愛雅各，

Gen 32:32 Therefore the children of Israel do not eat the thigh muscle, which is upon the socket of the hip, to this day, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip at the thigh muscle.

Gen 34:30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, You have brought trouble upon me by making me odious among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and I am few in number, and they will gather themselves together against me and strike me; and I will be destroyed, I and my house.

Gen 35:1 And God said to Jacob, Rise up, go up to Bethel, and dwell there; and make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you fled from your brother Esau.

Gen 35:16 And they journeyed from Bethel. And while there was still some distance to come to Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth; and she had hard labor.

Gen 35:17 And while she was in hardest labor, the midwife said to her, Do not be afraid, for now you have another son.

Gen 35:18 And as her soul was departing (for she died), she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin.

Gen 35:19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem).

Gen 35:20 And Jacob set up a pillar on her grave; that is the pillar of Rachel's grave, which is there to this day.

Gen 35:21 And Israel journeyed and pitched his tent beyond the tower of Eder.

Gen 35:27 And Jacob came to Isaac his father at Mamre, at Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned.

I. Jacob was chosen by God; therefore, in Jacob we see God's selection—Gen. 25:21-26; Rom. 9:11:

Gen 25:21 And Isaac entreated Jehovah for his wife because she was barren. And Jehovah was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

Gen 25:22 And the children struggled with each other within her. And she said, If it is so, why am I like this? And she went to inquire of Jehovah.

Gen 25:23 And Jehovah said to her, Two nations are in your womb, / And two peoples shall be separated from your bowels. / And the one people shall be stronger than the other people. / And the older shall serve the younger.

Gen 25:24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

Gen 25:25 And the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

Gen 25:26 And after that his brother came forth, and his hand was holding on to Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. And Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

Rom 9:11 Though the children had not yet been born nor had done anything good or bad (that the purpose of God according to selection might remain, not of works but of Him who calls),

A. God loved Jacob and selected him—v. 13; Mal. 1:2; Eph. 1:4; 2:4.

Rom 9:13 As it is written, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

Mal 1:2 I have loved you, says Jehovah; but you say, How have You loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother, declares Jehovah? Yet I loved Jacob;

弗 1:4 就如祂在創立世界以前，在基督裏揀選了我們，使我們在愛裏，在祂面前，成為聖別、沒有瑕疵；

弗 2:4 然而神富於憐憫，因祂愛我們的大愛，

二 雅各在出生以前，甚至在創世以前就蒙揀選——創二五 22～23，弗一 4：

創 25:22 孩子們在她裏面彼此相爭，她就說，若是這樣，我為甚麼活著呢？她就去求問耶和華。

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1 雅各蒙神揀選；這不是本於他自己的行為，或自己掙扎、努力的結果——創二五 22～23、26。

創 25:22 孩子們在她裏面彼此相爭，她就說，若是這樣，我為甚麼活著呢？她就去求問耶和華。

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2 雅各蒙揀選乃是本於那呼召人的神，在於神的憐憫，在於神的恩典——羅九 11。

羅 9:11 雙子還沒有生下來，善惡也沒有作出來（只因要堅定神揀選人的旨意，不是本於行為，乃是本於那呼召人的），

三 我們像雅各一樣，在創立世界以前就蒙揀選，被選上——弗一 4，帖後二 13，約十五 16 上：

弗 1:4 就如祂在創立世界以前，在基督裏揀選了我們，使我們在愛裏，在祂面前，成為聖別、沒有瑕疵；

帖後 2:13 主所愛的弟兄們，我們應當常為你們感謝神，因為祂從起初揀選了你們，叫你們藉著那靈的聖別，並你們對真理的信，可以得救。

約 15:16 上不是你們揀選了我，乃是我揀選了你們，...

1 基督是我們蒙神揀選的範圍——弗一 4。

弗 1:4 就如祂在創立世界以前，在基督裏揀選了我們，使我們在愛裏，在祂面前，成為聖別、沒有瑕疵；

Eph 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

B. Jacob was chosen before His birth, even before the foundation of the world——Gen. 25:22-23; Eph. 1:4:

Gen 25:22 And the children struggled with each other within her. And she said, If it is so, why am I like this? And she went to inquire of Jehovah.

Gen 25:23 And Jehovah said to her, Two nations are in your womb, / And two peoples shall be separated from your bowels. / And the one people shall be stronger than the other people. / And the older shall serve the younger.

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1. Jacob was chosen by God; it was not of his own works, nor was it the issue of his own struggle and strife——Gen. 25:22-23, 26.

Gen 25:22 And the children struggled with each other within her. And she said, If it is so, why am I like this? And she went to inquire of Jehovah.

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Gen 25:26 And after that his brother came forth, and his hand was holding on to Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. And Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

2. Jacob's being chosen was of God who calls, of God's mercy, and of God's grace——Rom. 9:11.

Rom 9:11 Though the children had not yet been born nor had done anything good or bad (that the purpose of God according to selection might remain, not of works but of Him who calls),

C. Like Jacob, we were chosen, selected, before the foundation of the world——Eph. 1:4; 2 Thes. 2:13; John 15:16a:

Eph 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

2 Thes 2:13 But we ought to thank God always concerning you, brothers beloved of the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth,

John 15:16a You did not choose Me, but I chose you, ...

1. Christ is the sphere in which we were chosen by God——Eph. 1:4.

Eph 1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

2 神照著祂的先見揀選了我們——彼前一 2，羅八 29。

彼前 1:2 就是照著父神的先見被揀選，藉著那靈得聖別，以致順從耶穌基督，並蒙祂血所灑的人：願恩典與平安，繁增的歸與你們。

羅 8:29 因為神所豫知的人，祂也豫定他們模成神兒子的形像，使祂兒子在許多弟兄中作長子。

3 神的揀選在於祂主宰的憐憫；我們是已經蒙神揀選的人，應當把自己投在神身上，相信祂要把我們帶到一個地步，使我們蒙祂喜悅——九 11～13、16。

羅 9:11 雙子還沒有生下來，善惡也沒有作出來（只因要堅定神揀選人的旨意，不是本於行為，乃是本於那呼召人的），

羅 9:12 神就對利百加說，『將來大的要服事小的。』

羅 9:13 正如經上所記：『雅各是我所愛的，以掃是我所恨的。』

羅 9:16 這樣看來，這不在於那定意的，也不在於那奔跑的，只在於那施憐憫的神。

4 神在已過的永遠裏揀選了我們，接著是祂的豫定，和祂在時間裏的呼召——八 28～29，弗一 5。

羅 8:28 還有，我們曉得萬有都互相効力，叫愛神的人得益處，就是按祂旨意被召的人。

羅 8:29 因為神所豫知的人，祂也豫定他們模成神兒子的形像，使祂兒子在許多弟兄中作長子。

弗 1:5 按著祂意願所喜悅的，豫定了我們，藉著耶穌基督得兒子的名分，歸於祂自己，

5 我們是為著神的定旨蒙了揀選並呼召的——羅九 11，提後一 9：

羅 9:11 雙子還沒有生下來，善惡也沒有作出來（只因要堅定神揀選人的旨意，不是本於行為，乃是本於那呼召人的），

提後 1:9 神救了我們，以聖召召了我們，不是按我們的行為，乃是按祂自己的定旨和恩典；這恩典是歷世之前，在基督耶穌裏賜給我們的，

a 創世記一章二十六節啓示神造人的目的，是要人有祂的形像彰顯祂，並且有祂的管治權代表祂。

創 1:26 神說，我們要按著我們的形像，照著我們的樣式造人，使他們管理海裏的魚、空中的鳥、地上的牲畜、和全地、並地上所爬的一切爬物。

2. God chose us according to His foreknowledge——1 Pet. 1:2; Rom. 8:29.

1 Pet 1:2 Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father in the sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

3. God's selection depends on His sovereign mercy; as those who have been chosen by God, we should cast ourselves upon Him and trust that He will bring us to the point where we are pleasing to Him——9:11-13, 16.

Rom 9:11 Though the children had not yet been born nor had done anything good or bad (that the purpose of God according to selection might remain, not of works but of Him who calls),

Rom 9:12 It was said to her, "The greater shall serve the less";

Rom 9:13 As it is written, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."

Rom 9:16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

4. God's selection of us in eternity past was followed by His predestination and by His calling of us in time——8:28-29; Eph. 1:5.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

5. We have been selected and called for God's purpose——Rom. 9:11; 2 Tim. 1:9:

Rom 9:11 Though the children had not yet been born nor had done anything good or bad (that the purpose of God according to selection might remain, not of works but of Him who calls),

2 Tim 1:9 Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the times of the ages

a. Genesis 1:26 reveals that God's purpose in His creation of man was that man would express Him in His image and represent Him with His dominion.

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

b 神對雅各的目的是要對付他，直到他變化為神的王子，有神的形像彰顯祂，並運用神的管治權代表祂：這是神的目標——四七 7、10。

創 47:7 約瑟領他父親雅各進去，站在法老面前，雅各就給法老祝福。

創 47:10 雅各又給法老祝福，就從法老面前出去了。

貳 雅各的一生代表神的對付，雅各的神是對付的神——三一 38 ~ 41：

創 31:38 我同你在一起這二十年，你的母綿羊、母山羊沒有掉過胎；你羣中的公羊，我沒有喫過；

創 31:39 被野獸撕裂的，我沒有帶來給你，是我自己賠上。無論是白日，是黑夜，被偷去的，你都向我索要。

創 31:40 我白日受乾熱銷磨，黑夜受寒霜侵蝕，不得合眼睡著，我常是這樣。

創 31:41 我這二十年在你的家裏，為你的兩個女兒服事你十四年，為你的羊羣服事你六年，你十次改了我的工價。

一 神命定雅各一生要過掙扎的生活；雅各從母腹起直到他一生晚期，都在掙扎——二五 22 ~ 26，二七 1 ~ 29、41 ~ 46，二八 1 ~ 5，二九 1 ~ 三六 43。

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創 25:23 耶和華對她說，兩國在你腹中，兩族要從你身內分出。這族必強於那族，將來大的要服事小的。

創 25:24 她生產的日子到了，腹中果然是雙子。

創 25:25 先出來的身體發紅，渾身有毛，如同毛皮衣；他們就給他起名叫以掃。

創 25:26 隨後以掃的弟弟也出來了，他的手抓住以掃的腳跟，因此給他起名叫雅各。利百加生下兩個兒子的時候，以撒年六十歲。

創 27:1 以撒年老，眼睛昏花，不能看見，就叫了他大兒子以掃來，對他說，我兒。以掃說，我在這裏。

創 27:2 他說，我如今老了，不知道那一天死。

創 27:3 現在拿你的器械，就是箭囊和弓，往田野去為我打些野味來，

創 27:4 照我所愛的作成美味，拿來給我喫，使我在未死之前給你祝福。

創 27:5 以撒對他兒子以掃說話的時候，利百加一直在聽著。所以當以掃往田野去打獵，要得野味帶回來，

b. God's purpose for Jacob was to deal with him until he was transformed into a prince of God bearing His image to express Him and exercising His dominion to represent Him; this is God's goal—Gen. 47:7, 10.

Gen 47:7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father and set him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

Gen 47:10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went forth from Pharaoh's presence.

II. Jacob's life is a life that represents God's dealings, and the God of Jacob is the God of dealings—31:38-41:

Gen 31:38 These twenty years have I been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, and I have not eaten the rams of your flocks.

Gen 31:39 That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it myself. Of my hand you required it, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.

Gen 31:40 Thus I was: By day the dry heat consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.

Gen 31:41 These twenty years have I been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times.

A. God destined Jacob to live a struggling life all his days; from his mother's womb to the end of his life, he was struggling—25:22-26; 27:1-29, 41—28:5; 29:1—34:43.

Gen 25:22 And the children struggled with each other within her. And she said, If it is so, why am I like this? And she went to inquire of Jehovah.

Gen 25:23 And Jehovah said to her, Two nations are in your womb, / And two peoples shall be separated from your bowels. / And the one people shall be stronger than the other people. / And the older shall serve the younger.

Gen 25:24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

Gen 25:25 And the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

Gen 25:26 And after that his brother came forth, and his hand was holding on to Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. And Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

Gen 27:1 Now when Isaac was old, and his eyes had become so dim that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, My son. And he said to him, Here I am.

Gen 27:2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, and I do not know the day of my death.

Gen 27:3 Now then, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me,

Gen 27:4 And prepare for me a tasty meal, such as I love, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die.

Gen 27:5 Now Rebekah had been listening when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game to bring it home,

創 27:6 利百加就對她兒子雅各說，我聽見你父親對你哥哥以掃說，
創 27:7 你去把野味帶來，作成美味給我喫，我好在未死之前，在耶和華面前給你祝福。
創 27:8 現在，我兒，你要照著我所吩咐你的，聽從我的話。
創 27:9 你到羊羣去，給我拿兩隻肥山羊羔來，我便照你父親所愛的，給他作成美味。
創 27:10 你拿到你父親那裏給他喫，使他可以在未死之前給你祝福。
創 27:11 雅各對他母親利百加說，你看，我哥哥以掃渾身是有毛的，我身上是光滑的；
創 27:12 倘若我父親摸著我，必以我為欺哄人的，我就招來咒詛，不得祝福。
創 27:13 他母親對他說，我兒，你招的咒詛歸到我身上；你只管聽從我的話，去把羊羔給我拿來。
創 27:14 他便去拿來，交給他母親；他母親就照他父親所愛的，作成美味。
創 27:15 利百加又把家裏她所存大兒子以掃上好的衣服，給她小兒子雅各穿上；
創 27:16 又用山羊羔皮，包在雅各的手上、和頸項的光滑處；
創 27:17 就把所作的美味和餅，交在她兒子雅各的手裏。
創 27:18 雅各到他父親那裏說，我父親。他說，我在這裏。我兒，你是誰？
創 27:19 雅各對他父親說，我是你的長子以掃；我已照你所吩咐我的行了。請起來坐著，喫我的野味，好給我祝福。
創 27:20 以撒對他兒子說，我兒，你怎麼找得這麼快？他說，因為耶和華你的神使我遇見好機會得著的。
創 27:21 以撒對雅各說，我兒，你近前來，讓我摸摸你，好知道你真是我的兒子以掃不是。
創 27:22 雅各就挨近他父親以撒。以撒摸著他，說，聲音是雅各的聲音，手卻是以掃的手。
創 27:23 以撒就辨不出他來，因為他手上有毛，像他哥哥以掃的手一樣；以撒就給他祝福；
創 27:24 又說，你真是我兒子以掃麼？他說，我是。
創 27:25 以撒說，你遞給我，我好喫我兒子的野味，給你祝福。雅各就遞給他，他便喫了；又拿酒給他，他也喝了。
創 27:26 他父親以撒對他說，我兒，你上前來與我親嘴。
創 27:27 他就上前與父親親嘴；他父親一聞他衣服上的香氣，就給他祝福，說，我兒的香氣如同耶和華賜福之田地的香氣一樣。
創 27:28 願神賜你天上的甘露，地上的肥土，並豐盈的五穀和新酒。
創 27:29 願多民服事你，多國跪拜你。願你作你弟兄的主，你母親的兒子向你跪拜。凡咒詛你的，願他受咒詛；為你祝福的，願他蒙福。

Gen 27:6 Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son, saying, I just heard your father speaking to Esau your brother, saying,
Gen 27:7 Bring me game, and prepare for me a tasty meal so that I may eat it and bless you before Jehovah before my death.
Gen 27:8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command you.
Gen 27:9 Go now to the flock, and take two choice kids for me from there, and I will prepare them as a tasty meal for your father, such as he loves.
Gen 27:10 Then you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before his death.
Gen 27:11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man.
Gen 27:12 Perhaps my father will feel me, and I will be as a deceiver in his sight, and I will bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing.
Gen 27:13 And his mother said to him, Your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get them for me.
Gen 27:14 And he went and got them and brought them to his mother; and his mother prepared a tasty meal, such as his father loved.
Gen 27:15 And Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.
Gen 27:16 And she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.
Gen 27:17 And she put the tasty meal and the bread that she had prepared into the hand of Jacob her son.
Gen 27:18 And he came to his father and said, My father. And he said, Here I am. Who are you, my son?
Gen 27:19 And Jacob said to his father, I am Esau your firstborn; I have done as you told me. Now rise up; sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may bless me.
Gen 27:20 And Isaac said to his son, How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because Jehovah your God put it in my way.
Gen 27:21 And Isaac said to Jacob, Please come near that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.
Gen 27:22 And Jacob came near to Isaac his father. And he felt him and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are Esau's hands.
Gen 27:23 And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him.
Gen 27:24 And he said, Are you really my son Esau? And he said, I am.
Gen 27:25 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's game, that I may bless you. So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.
Gen 27:26 Then his father Isaac said to him, Please come near and kiss me, my son.
Gen 27:27 So he came near and kissed him; and when Isaac smelled the smell of his garments, he blessed him and said, See, the smell of my son- / Like the smell of a field / Which Jehovah has blessed.
Gen 27:28 And may God give you / Of the dew of heaven and of the fatness of the earth, / And an abundance of grain and new wine.
Gen 27:29 Let peoples serve you, / And nations bow down to you. / Be lord over your brothers, / And let your mother's sons bow down to you. / Cursed be those who curse you, / And blessed be those who bless you.

創 27:41 以掃因他父親給雅各祝的福，就怨恨雅各，心裏說，爲我父親居喪的日子近了，到那時候，我要殺我的弟弟雅各。

創 27:42 有人把利百加大兒子以掃的話告訴利百加，她就打發人去，叫了她小兒子雅各來，對他說，你哥哥以掃想要殺你，消他的恨。

創 27:43 現在，我兒，你要聽從我的話；起來，逃往哈蘭我哥哥拉班那裏去，

創 27:44 同他住些日子，直等你哥哥的忿怒轉消了。

創 27:45 等你哥哥向你消了怒氣，忘了你向他所作的事，我便打發人去把你從那裏帶回來。我爲甚麼要一日喪失你們二人呢？

創 27:46 利百加對以撒說，我因這些赫人的女子，厭煩到不想活了；倘若雅各也從這地的女子中，娶像這些赫人的女子爲妻，我活著還有甚麼意思？

創 28:1 以撒叫了雅各來，給他祝福，並囑咐他說，你不要娶迦南的女子爲妻。

創 28:2 你起身往巴旦亞蘭去，到你外祖父彼土利家裏，在你母舅拉班的女兒中娶一個爲妻。

創 28:3 願全足的神賜福給你，使你繁衍增多，成爲多族；

創 28:4 願祂將應許亞伯拉罕的福賜給你和你的後裔，使你承受你所寄居的地爲業，就是神賜給亞伯拉罕的地。

創 28:5 以撒打發雅各走了，他就往巴旦亞蘭去，到亞蘭人彼土利的兒子拉班那裏；拉班是雅各、以掃的母親利百加的哥哥。

創 29:1 ~ 36:43 (從畧。)

二 在雅各的生活和經歷裏，我們看見神的對付——二五 19 ~ 三二 21：

創 25:19 ~ 32:21 (從畧。)

1 神主宰的安排雅各一生的環境；神主宰的手在雅各身上，爲要對付他。

2 神在雅各身上的對付不是神的懲罰；這對付的目的在使雅各變化爲以色列——28 節。

創 32:28 那人說，你的名不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列；因爲你與神與人較力，都得了勝。

3 雅各在神的主宰安排下，藉著環境的折磨和神直接的對付，得以變化、成熟，達於以色列——三五 10。

創 35:10 並且對他說，你的名原是雅各，從今以後不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列。這樣，神就給他起名叫以色列。

Gen 27:41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will slay my brother Jacob.

Gen 27:42 And the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah, so she sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him, Now your brother Esau is consoling himself concerning you by planning to kill you.

Gen 27:43 Therefore, my son, obey my voice now, and rise up; flee to Laban my brother at Haran,

Gen 27:44 And stay with him a few days, until your brother's fury turns away,

Gen 27:45 Until your brother's anger turns away from you, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send word and bring you back from there. Why should I be bereaved of both of you in one day?

Gen 27:46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth like these, from the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?

Gen 28:1 And Isaac called Jacob and blessed him; and he charged him and said to him, You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

Gen 28:2 Rise up, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and take from there a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

Gen 28:3 And may the All-sufficient God bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.

Gen 28:4 And may He give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your seed with you, that you may possess this land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham.

Gen 28:5 And Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban the son of Bethuel the Aramaean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

Gen 29:1—34:43 (be omitted.)

B. In the life and experience of Jacob we see God's dealings —25:19—32:21:

Gen 25:19—32:21 (be omitted.)

1. God sovereignly arranged the circumstances of Jacob's life; God's sovereign hand was upon Jacob to deal with him.

2. God's dealing with Jacob was not God's punishment; rather, it was for the purpose of Jacob's transformation into Israel——32:28.

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

3. Under God's sovereignty, through his sufferings in his circumstances and through God's direct dealing, Jacob was transformed and matured so that he became Israel——35:10.

Gen 35:10 And God said to him, Your name is Jacob; / Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, / But Israel shall be your name. Thus He called his name Israel.

三 雅各的歷史乃是一幅聖靈管教的圖畫——四七 9, 四八 15～16 上, 來十二 9～11:

創 47:9 雅各對法老說, 我寄居在世的年日是一百三十歲; 我平生的年日又少又苦, 不及我列祖在世寄居的年日。

創 48:15 他就給約瑟祝福說, 願我祖亞伯拉罕和我父以撒行事為人都在祂面前的神, 就是一生牧養我直到今日的神,

創 48:16 上那救贖我脫離一切患難的使者, 賜福與這兩個少年人。...

來 12:9 再者, 我們曾有肉身的父管教我們, 我們尚且敬重他們, 何況萬靈的父, 我們豈不更當服從祂而得活著麼?

來 12:10 肉身的父是在短暫的日子裏, 照自己以為好的管教我們, 惟有萬靈的父管教我們, 是為了我們的益處, 使我們有分於祂的聖別。

來 12:11 一切的管教, 當時固然不覺得喜樂, 反覺得愁苦; 後來卻給那藉此受過操練的人, 結出平安的義果。

- 1 聖靈的管教是指聖靈在我們外面的環境裏作工, 祂安排一切的人事物和遭遇, 藉這些我們受管教——羅八 28。

羅 8:28 還有, 我們曉得萬有都互相効力, 叫愛神的人得益處, 就是按祂旨意被召的人。

- 2 神藉著聖靈的管教完全拆毀我們的舊造, 使新造的元素得以在我們裏面建造起來。

- 3 我們天然的生命藉著聖靈的管教受對付時, 基督就構成在我們裏面——加四 19, 弗三 17 上。

加 4:19 我的孩子們, 我為你們再受生產之苦, 直等到基督成形在你們裏面。

弗 3:17 上 使基督藉著信, 安家在你們心裏, ...

- 4 在我們環境中的每件事和每個人, 都是神的主宰所用來變化我們的工具——羅八 28。

羅 8:28 還有, 我們曉得萬有都互相効力, 叫愛神的人得益處, 就是按祂旨意被召的人。

叁 創世記三十二章二十二至三十二節敘述雅各一生中緊要並關鍵性的經歷——他被破碎:

C. Jacob's history is a picture of the discipline of the Holy Spirit——47:9; 48:15-16a; Heb. 12:9-11:

Gen 47:9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The years of my sojourning are one hundred thirty years; few and evil have been the years of my life, and they have not attained to the years of the lives of my fathers during the days of their sojourning.

Gen 48:15 And he blessed Joseph and said, / The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, / The God who has shepherded me all my life to this day,

Gen 48:16a The Angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys; / And may my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; ...

Heb 12:9 Furthermore we have had the fathers of our flesh as discipliners and we respected them; shall we not much more be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

Heb 12:10 For they disciplined for a few days as it seemed good to them; but He, for what is profitable that we might partake of His holiness.

Heb 12:11 Now no discipline at the present time seems to be a matter of joy, but of grief; but afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised by it.

1. The discipline of the Holy Spirit refers to what the Holy Spirit is doing in our outward environment, to His arranging of all people, things, and happenings, through which we are being disciplined——Rom. 8:28.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

2. Through the discipline of the Holy Spirit, God completely tears down our old creation so that the element of the new creation may be built up in us.

3. As our natural life is dealt with through the discipline of the Holy Spirit, Christ is constituted into us——Gal. 4:19; Eph. 3:17a.

Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,

Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ...

4. Everything and everyone in our environment is an instrument of sovereignty used by God for our transformation——Rom. 8:28.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

III. Genesis 32:22-32 relates a vital and crucial experience in the life of Jacob——his being broken:

創 32:22 他夜間起來，帶著兩個妻子，兩個使女，並十一個孩子，過雅博渡口。

創 32:23 他帶著他們，打發他們過河，又打發所有的都過去。

創 32:24 只剩下雅各一人，有一個人和他摔跤，直到黎明。

創 32:25 那人見自己勝不過他，就將他的大腿窩摸了一把；雅各正與那人摔跤的時候，他的大腿窩就脫了節。

創 32:26 那人說，天快亮了，讓我去吧。雅各卻說，你若不給我祝福，我就不讓你去。

創 32:27 那人對他說，你名叫甚麼？他說，我名叫雅各。

創 32:28 那人說，你的名不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列；因為你與神與人較力，都得了勝。

創 32:29 雅各問祂說，請將你的名告訴我。但那人說，你何必問我的名？於是祂在那裏給雅各祝福。

創 32:30 雅各便給那地方起名叫毘努伊勒，因為他說，我面對面看見了神，我的性命仍得保全。

創 32:31 日頭升起，照在雅各身上，那時他渡過毘努伊勒，他的大腿就癢了。

創 32:32 故此，以色列人不喫大腿窩的筋，直到今日，因為那人摸了雅各大腿窩的筋。

一 主和雅各摔跤，為要向雅各暴露他是何等的天然，他天然的力量是何等的大——24 節：

創 32:24 只剩下雅各一人，有一個人和他摔跤，直到黎明。

- 1 主『摸了雅各大腿窩的筋』（32）；摸雅各大腿窩的筋，就是他身上最有力的肌肉，表徵摸雅各天然的生命，天然的力量——25 節。

創 32:32 故此，以色列人不喫大腿窩的筋，直到今日，因為那人摸了雅各大腿窩的筋。

創 32:25 那人見自己勝不過他，就將他的大腿窩摸了一把；雅各正與那人摔跤的時候，他的大腿窩就脫了節。

- 2 雅各被神破碎之後，雖然外面和從前一樣，但裏面天然的生命已經受了對付；不是外面的生活被主摸過，乃是裏面天然的力量被主破碎——三三 1～4，三二 25、32。

創 33:1 雅各舉目觀看，見以掃來了，同他一起的有四百人。他就把孩子們分開交給利亞、拉結、和兩個使女，

Gen 32:22 And he rose up that night and took his two wives and his two female servants and his eleven children and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok.

Gen 32:23 And he took them and sent them over the stream and sent over what he had.

Gen 32:24 And Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until the break of dawn.

Gen 32:25 And when the man saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was dislocated as he wrestled with Him.

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A. The Lord wrestled with Jacob in order to expose to him how natural he was and how great his natural strength was——v. 24.

Gen 32:24 And Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until the break of dawn.

1. The Lord “touched the socket of Jacob’s hip at the thigh muscle”; the touching of the socket of Jacob’s hip at the thigh muscle, the strongest muscle in the body, signifies the touching of Jacob’s natural life, his natural strength——vv. 25, 32.

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Gen 32:32 Therefore the children of Israel do not eat the thigh muscle, which is upon the socket of the hip, to this day, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip at the thigh muscle.

2. After Jacob was broken by God, outwardly he was the same as before, but inwardly his natural life had been dealt with; it was not the outward living that was touched by the Lord but the inward, natural strength that was broken by Him——33:1-4; 32:25, 32.

Gen 33:1 And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and there was Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and among Rachel and among the two female servants.

創 33:2 並且叫兩個使女和她們的孩子在前面，利亞和她的孩子在後面，拉結和約瑟在最後面。

創 33:3 他自己在他們前頭過去，一連七次俯伏在地，直到就近他哥哥。

創 33:4 以掃跑來迎接他，將他抱住，又伏在他的頸項上，與他親嘴，兩個人就哭了。

創 32:25 那人見自己勝不過他，就將他的大腿窩摸了一把；雅各正與那人摔跤的時候，他的大腿窩就脫了節。

創 32:32 故此，以色列人不喫大腿窩的筋，直到今日，因為那人摸了雅各大腿窩的筋。

二 雅各的經歷給我們看見，神必須破碎我們天然的生命；祂必須厲害摸著我們天然的生命——22～32 節：

創 32:22 他夜間起來，帶著兩個妻子，兩個使女，並十一個孩子，過雅博渡口。

創 32:23 他帶著他們，打發他們過河，又打發所有的都過去。

創 32:24 只剩下雅各一人，有一個人和他摔跤，直到黎明。

創 32:25 那人見自己勝不過他，就將他的大腿窩摸了一把；雅各正與那人摔跤的時候，他的大腿窩就脫了節。

創 32:26 那人說，天快亮了，讓我去吧。雅各卻說，你若不給我祝福，我就不讓你去。

創 32:27 那人對他說，你名叫甚麼？他說，我名叫雅各。

創 32:28 那人說，你的名不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列；因為你與神與人較力，都得了勝。

創 32:29 雅各問祂說，請將你的名告訴我。但那人說，你何必問我的名？於是祂在那裏給雅各祝福。

創 32:30 雅各便給那地方起名叫毘努伊勒，因為他說，我面對面看見了神，我的性命仍得保全。

創 32:31 日頭升起，照在雅各身上，那時他渡過毘努伊勒，他的大腿就瘸了。

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1 宗教的路是改變人外面的行為；神在祂經綸裏的路，卻是摸人裏面的生命，好改變人內在的所是——林後四 16。

林後 4:16 所以我們不喪膽，反而我們外面的人雖然在毀壞，我們裏面的人卻日日在更新。

Gen 33:2 And he put the female servants and their children in front, and Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last.

Gen 33:3 And he himself passed on before them and bowed down to the ground seven times until he came near to his brother.

Gen 33:4 And Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

Gen 32:25 And when the man saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was dislocated as he wrestled with Him.

Gen 32:32 Therefore the children of Israel do not eat the thigh muscle, which is upon the socket of the hip, to this day, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip at the thigh muscle.

B. Jacob's experience shows us that God has to break our natural life, that He has to touch our natural life in a drastic way——Gen. 32:22-32:

Gen 32:22 And he rose up that night and took his two wives and his two female servants and his eleven children and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok.

Gen 32:23 And he took them and sent them over the stream and sent over what he had.

Gen 32:24 And Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until the break of dawn.

Gen 32:25 And when the man saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was dislocated as he wrestled with Him.

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1. The way of religion is to change man's outward behavior; the way of God in His economy is to touch man's inward life in order to change his inward being——2 Cor. 4:16.

2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

2 主在某個關鍵點上摸我們，我們就瘸了，裏面的人再也不能和以前一樣了；從此以後，我們就瘸了，不再完整了——創三二 25、31。

創 32:25 那人見自己勝不過他，就將他的大腿窩摸了一把；雅各正與那人摔跤的時候，他的大腿窩就脫了節。

創 32:31 日頭升起，照在雅各身上，那時他渡過毘努伊勒，他的大腿就瘸了。

三 每一個信徒都需要經歷外面之人的破碎——來四 12:

來 4:12 因為神的話是活的，是有功效的，比一切兩刃的劍更鋒利，能以刺入、甚至剖開魂與靈，骨節與骨髓，連心中的思念和主意都能辨明。

1 基督要從魂的禁錮裏出來，我們外面的人就必須破碎——弗三 16 ~ 17。

弗 3:16 願祂照著祂榮耀的豐富，藉著祂的靈，用大能使你們得以加強到裏面的人裏，

弗 3:17 使基督藉著信，安家在你們心裏，叫你們在愛裏生根立基，

2 我們外面的人需要被破碎，讓靈得以出來——來四 12。

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3 我們要乾乾淨淨的流露神的生命，我們這個人就必須被破碎——約十二 24 ~ 26，十九 34，七 37 ~ 39，出十七 6 ~ 7:

約 12:24 我實實在在的告訴你們，一粒麥子不落在地裏死了，仍舊是一粒；若是死了，就結出許多子粒來。

約 12:25 愛惜自己魂生命的，就喪失魂生命；在這世上恨惡自己魂生命的，就要保守魂生命歸入永遠的生命。

約 12:26 若有人服事我，就當跟從我；我在那裏，服事我的人也要在那裏。若有人服事我，我父必尊重他。

約 19:34 惟有一個兵用槍扎祂的肋旁，隨即有血和水流出來。

約 7:37 節期的末日，就是最大之日，耶穌站著高聲說，人若渴了，可以到我這裏來喝。

約 7:38 信入我的人，就如經上所說，從他腹中要流出活水的江河來。

2. When the Lord touches us at a certain crucial spot, we are lame and can no longer be the same in our inward being; from then on, we limp and are no longer whole——Gen. 32:25.

Gen 32:25 And when the man saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was dislocated as he wrestled with Him.

Gen 32:31 And the sun rose upon him as he crossed over Peniel, and he limped because of his hip.

C. Every believer needs to experience the breaking of the outer man——Heb. 4:12:

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

1. In order for Christ to be released from the imprisonment of the soul, our outer man must be broken——Eph. 3:16-17.

Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

Eph 3:17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

2. Our outer man needs to be broken for the release of the spirit——Heb. 4:12.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

3. In order for there to be a pure flow of the life of God from within us, we must be broken——John 12:24-26; 19:34; 7:37-39; Exo. 17:6-7.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 12:25 He who loves his soul-life loses it; and he who hates his soul-life in this world shall keep it unto eternal life.

John 12:26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there also My servant will be. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

John 7:37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

John 7:38 He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

約 7:39 耶穌這話是指著信入祂的人將要受的那靈說的；那時還沒有那靈，因為耶穌尚未得著榮耀。

出 17:6 我必在何烈的磐石那裏，站在你面前；你要擊打磐石，就必有水從磐石流出來，使百姓可以喝。摩西就在以色列的長老眼前這樣行了。

出 17:7 他給那地方起名叫瑪撒，又叫米利巴；這是因以色列人爭鬧，又因他們試探耶和華，說，耶和華是在我們中間不是？

- a 林後四章十二節所說的，死在我們身上發動，那個死就是我們的被破碎。

林後 4:12 這樣，死是在我們身上發動，生命卻在你們身上發動。

- b 主需要破碎的器皿作活水的管道；我們這個人被破碎越多，神的生命從我們身上出去的就越多——約十二 24～26。

約 12:24 我實實在在的告訴你們，一粒麥子不落在地裏死了，仍舊是一粒；若是死了，就結出許多子粒來。

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約 12:26 若有人服事我，就當跟從我；我在那裏，服事我的人也要在那裏。若有人服事我，我父必尊重他。

- 4 我們魂裏的各部分必須讓神破碎——太十六 24～25：

太 16:24 於是耶穌對門徒說，若有人要跟從我，就當否認己，背起他的十字架，並跟從我。

太 16:25 因為凡要救自己魂生命的，必喪失魂生命；凡為我喪失自己魂生命的，必得著魂生命。

- a 魂被破碎，意思不是說，我們不再思想了，不再表達情感了，不再運用意志了——帖前五 23。

帖前 5:23 且願和平的神，親自全然聖別你們，又願你們的靈、與魂、與身子得蒙保守，在我們主耶穌基督來臨的時候，得以完全，無可指摘。

- b 我們的思想、情感、意志還是有的，只不過都已經被破碎，就是受了對付，被折服，並服從於靈——林後四 16，弗四 23，提後一 7。

林後 4:16 所以我們不喪膽，反而我們外面的人雖然在毀壞，我們裏面的人卻日日在更新。

弗 4:23 而在你們心思的靈裏得以更新，

John 7:39 But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed into Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Exo 17:6 I will be standing before you there upon the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it so that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Exo 17:7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel and because they tested Jehovah, saying, Is Jehovah among us or not?

- a. The operation of death within us, spoken of in 2 Corinthians 4:12, is our being broken.

2 Cor 4:12 So then death operates in us, but life in you.

- b. The Lord needs broken vessels to be channels of living water; the more we are broken, the more the life of God will flow out of us——John 12:24-26.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 12:25 He who loves his soul-life loses it; and he who hates his soul-life in this world shall keep it unto eternal life.

John 12:26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there also My servant will be. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

4. Every part of our soul needs to be broken by God——Matt. 16:24-25:

Matt 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Matt 16:25 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.

- a. For the soul to be broken does not mean that we no longer use our mind, express our emotions, or exercise our will——1 Thes. 5:23.

1 Thes 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- b. Our mind, emotions, and will still function, but they have been broken, that is, dealt with, subdued, and made submissive to our spirit——2 Cor. 4:16; Eph. 4:23; 2 Tim. 1:7.

2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

Eph 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

提後 1:7 因為神賜給我們的，不是膽怯的靈，乃是能力、愛、並清明自守的靈。

5 那盛裝『至貴的真哪噠香膏』，『極貴的香膏』的『玉瓶』需要打破，真哪噠香膏才能出來，使『屋裏…滿了膏的香氣』——可十四 3，太二六 7，約十二 3：

可 14:3 耶穌在伯大尼患癲瘋的西門家裏坐席的時候，有一個女人，拿著一玉瓶至貴的真哪噠香膏來，打破玉瓶，把膏澆在祂的頭上。

太 26:7 有一個女人拿著一玉瓶極貴的香膏，到祂跟前來，趁祂坐席的時候，澆在祂的頭上。

約 12:3 那時，馬利亞就拿著一磅至貴的真哪噠香膏，抹耶穌的腳，又用自己的頭髮去擦祂的腳，屋裏就滿了膏的香氣。

a 玉瓶（外面的人）不打破，真哪噠香膏就不能出來——可十四 3。

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b 我們不該保護自己，覺得玉瓶比香膏更值錢；我們不該以為我們外面的人比裏面的人更可寶貴——太二六 7，林後四 16。

太 26:7 有一個女人拿著一玉瓶極貴的香膏，到祂跟前來，趁祂坐席的時候，澆在祂的頭上。

林後 4:16 所以我們不喪膽，反而我們外面的人雖然在毀壞，我們裏面的人卻日日在更新。

c 外面的不破碎，裏面的就出不來；這樣，不只我們自己沒有路走，並且連召會也沒有路走——約十二 3。

約 12:3 那時，馬利亞就拿著一磅至貴的真哪噠香膏，抹耶穌的腳，又用自己的頭髮去擦祂的腳，屋裏就滿了膏的香氣。

6 神在基督裏將祂自己建造到我們裏面，需要外面之人的破碎——弗三 16～17 上。

弗 3:16 願祂照著祂榮耀的豐富，藉著祂的靈，用大能使你們得以加強到裏面的人裏，

弗 3:17 上 使基督藉著信，安家在你們心裏，…

2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.

5. There is the need for the breaking of “the alabaster flask of ointment, of very costly pure nard,” “ointment of great value,” so that ointment of pure nard may be released and that the house may be “filled with the fragrance of the ointment”——Mark 14:3; Matt. 26:7; John 12:3:

Mark 14:3 And while He was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He reclined at table, a woman came, having an alabaster flask of ointment, of very costly pure nard, and she broke the alabaster flask and poured it over His head.

Matt 26:7 A woman came to Him, having an alabaster flask of ointment of great value, and she poured it on His head as He reclined at table.

John 12:3 Then Mary took a pound of ointment, of very valuable pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

a. Unless the flask (the outer man) is broken, the ointment of pure nard cannot be released——Mark 14:3.

Mark 14:3 And while He was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He reclined at table, a woman came, having an alabaster flask of ointment, of very costly pure nard, and she broke the alabaster flask and poured it over His head.

b. We should not be protective of ourselves, regarding the flask as more precious than the ointment; we should not consider our outer man more precious than our inner man——Matt. 26:7; 2 Cor. 4:16.

Matt 26:7 A woman came to Him, having an alabaster flask of ointment of great value, and she poured it on His head as He reclined at table.

2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

c. If the outer part is not broken, the inner part will not be released; if this is our situation, we will have no way to go on, and the church also will have no way to go on——John 12:3.

John 12:3 Then Mary took a pound of ointment, of very valuable pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

6. God’s work of building Himself in Christ into us requires the breaking of the outer man——Eph. 3:16-17a.

Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, …

7 要有建造，就必須先有破碎——太十六 18，弗四 16:

太 16:18 我還告訴你，你是彼得，我要把我的召會建造在這磐石上，陰間的門不能勝過她。

弗 4:16 本於祂，全身藉著每一豐富供應的節，並藉著每一部分依其度量而有的功用，得以聯絡在一起，並結合在一起，便叫身體漸漸長大，以致在愛裏把自己建造起來。

a 要叫召會得建造，我們就必須經歷外面之人的破碎——二 21 ~ 22。

弗 2:21 在祂裏面，全房聯結一起，長成在主裏的聖殿；

弗 2:22 你們也在祂裏面同被建造，成為神在靈裏的居所。

b 我們要有配搭的事奉，就必須接受破碎；若沒有破碎，就無法配搭。

8 我們需要像保羅一樣，在身體的異象下被破碎，並看見我們在身體裏被建造惟一的路，乃是被破碎——徒九 1 ~ 31，弗四 16。

徒 9:1 掃羅仍然向主的門徒，口吐威嚇兇殺的話。他來到大祭司跟前，

徒 9:2 向他求文書給大馬色的各會堂，若是找著這道路上的人，無論男女，都可以捆綁帶到耶路撒冷。

徒 9:3 掃羅行路，將近大馬色，忽然有光從天上四面照著他，

徒 9:4 他就仆倒在地，聽見有聲音對他說，掃羅，掃羅，你為甚麼逼迫我？

徒 9:5 他說，主啊，你是誰？主說，我就是你所逼迫的耶穌。

徒 9:6 起來，進城去，你所當作的事，必有人告訴你。

徒 9:7 與他同行的人站著，說不出話來，聽見聲音，卻看不見人。

徒 9:8 掃羅從地上起來，睜開眼睛，竟不能看見甚麼；有人拉著他的手，領他進了大馬色。

徒 9:9 他三日不能看見，也不喫，也不喝。

徒 9:10 當時在大馬色有一個門徒，名叫亞拿尼亞，主在異象中對他說，亞拿尼亞。他說，主啊，看哪，我在這裏。

徒 9:11 主對他說，起來，往那叫直的街上去，在猶大的家裏，尋找一個大數人名叫掃羅。看哪，他正在禱告，

徒 9:12 在異象中看見一個人，名叫亞拿尼亞，進來按手在他身上，叫他能看見。

徒 9:13 亞拿尼亞回答說，主啊，我聽見許多人說到這人，他在耶路撒冷向你的聖徒行了多少惡事，

徒 9:14 並且他在這裏有從祭司長得來的權柄，要捆綁一切呼求你名的人。

7. Breaking is a prerequisite for building—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 4:16:

Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

a. In order for the church to be built up, we need to experience the breaking of the outer man—Eph. 2:21-22.

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

b. If we would be coordinated with others in service, we need to be willing to be broken; without brokenness coordination is impossible.

8. Like Paul, we need to be broken under the vision of the Body and realize that the only way for us to be built up in the Body is to be broken—Acts 9; Eph. 4:16.

Acts 9:1 But Saul, still breathing threatening and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

Acts 9:2 And asked for letters from him to Damascus for the synagogues, so that if he found any who were of the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

Acts 9:3 And as he went, he drew near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

Acts 9:4 And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?

Acts 9:5 And he said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, whom you persecute.

Acts 9:6 But rise up and enter into the city, and it will be told to you what you must do.

Acts 9:7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.

Acts 9:8 And Saul rose from the ground; and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing. And they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

Acts 9:9 And he was three days without seeing, and he neither ate nor drank.

Acts 9:10 And there was a certain disciple in Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

Acts 9:11 And the Lord said to him, Rise up and go to the lane called Straight, and seek in the house of Judas a man from Tarsus named Saul; for behold, he is praying;

Acts 9:12 And he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and laying his hands on him so that he may receive his sight.

Acts 9:13 But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many concerning this man, how many evil things he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem;

Acts 9:14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon Your name.

徒 9:15 主卻對亞拿尼亞說，你只管去，因為這人是我所揀選的器皿，要在外邦人和君王並以色列子孫面前，宣揚我的名；

徒 9:16 我要指示他，為我的名必須受許多的苦難。

徒 9:17 亞拿尼亞就去了，進了那家，按手在掃羅身上，說，掃羅弟兄，在你來的路上向你顯現的耶穌，就是主，差遣我來，叫你能看見，又被聖靈充溢。

徒 9:18 掃羅的眼睛上，好像有鱗立刻掉下來，他就能看見，於是起來受了浸，

徒 9:19 喫過飯，就健壯了。掃羅和大馬色的門徒同在了一些日子；

徒 9:20 隨即在會堂裏傳揚耶穌，說他是神的兒子。

徒 9:21 凡聽見的人都驚奇，說，在耶路撒冷損毀呼求這名者的，不就是這人麼？並且他到這裏來，不就是為要捆綁他們，帶到祭司長面前去麼？

徒 9:22 但掃羅越發有能力，駁倒住大馬色的猶太人，證明這位耶穌就是基督。

徒 9:23 過了好些日子，猶太人商議要殺掃羅；

徒 9:24 但他們的計謀被掃羅知道了。他們又晝夜嚴密的看守城門，要殺害他。

徒 9:25 他的門徒就在夜間，用筐子把他從城牆上縋下去。

徒 9:26 掃羅到了耶路撒冷，想與門徒結交，眾人卻都怕他，不信他是門徒。

徒 9:27 惟有巴拿巴接受他，領他到使徒那裏去，把他在路上怎麼看見主，主怎麼向他說話，他在大馬色怎麼在耶穌的名裏放膽講說，都向他們述說出來。

徒 9:28 於是掃羅在耶路撒冷，和門徒出入來往，

徒 9:29 在主的名裏放膽講說，並與說希利尼話的猶太人講論辯駁，他們卻想下手殺他。

徒 9:30 弟兄們知道了，就送他下該撒利亞，打發他往大數去。

徒 9:31 那時全猶太、加利利、撒瑪利亞遍處的召會得平安，被建造，在對主的敬畏並聖靈的安慰中行動，人數就繁增了。

弗 4:16 本於祂，全身藉著每一豐富供應的節，並藉著每一部分依其度量而有的功用，得以聯絡在一起，並結合在一起，便叫身體漸漸長大，以致在愛裏把自己建造起來。

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him, Go, for this man is a chosen vessel to Me, to bear My name before both the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;

Acts 9:16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer on behalf of My name.

Acts 9:17 And Ananias went away and entered into the house; and laying his hands on him, he said, Saul, brother, the Lord has sent Me-Jesus, who appeared to you on the road on which you were coming-so that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight and rose up and was baptized.

Acts 9:19 And once he had taken food, he was strengthened. And he was with the disciples in Damascus for some days.

Acts 9:20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, that this One is the Son of God.

Acts 9:21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, Is this not the one who ravaged those who call upon this name in Jerusalem and came here for this, that he might bring them bound before the chief priests?

Acts 9:22 But Saul was all the more empowered, and he confounded the Jews dwelling in Damascus by proving that this One is the Christ.

Acts 9:23 And as a considerable number of days were being fulfilled, the Jews took counsel together to do away with him;

Acts 9:24 But their plot was made known to Saul. And they also watched the gates closely, both day and night, so that they might do away with him.

Acts 9:25 But his disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.

Acts 9:26 And when he arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join himself to the disciples; yet all feared him, not believing that he was a disciple.

Acts 9:27 But Barnabas took hold of him and led him to the apostles, and he related to them how Saul had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 9:28 And he was with them, going in and going out in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

Acts 9:29 And he spoke and disputed with the Hellenists, but they attempted to do away with him.

Acts 9:30 But when the brothers realized it, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him forth to Tarsus.

Acts 9:31 So then the church throughout the whole of Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it was multiplied.

Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.