

**Series: Christ in the OT**

**Title: Jacob is Transformed by Christ**

**Text: (Heb 11:21)** *“leaning upon the top of his staff”*  
(Rom 8:28-29)(Heb 13:20a &21)(Jer 29:11)

**Jacob’s name ~ Cheat, Con Artist. Heel grabber!**

He stole the Birthright (Gen 25:23-34)

He stole the Blessing (Gen 27:28-29; Gen 28:3-4)

**Jacob Flees to his uncle Laban’s house!**

(Gen 28:11-19) Meets God

(Gen 28: 20-22) Makes a conditional Vow!

**Jacob has been with Laban 20years.**

(Gen 31:41) Laban had manipulated Jacob:

(Gen 31:42) God had protected Jacob.

(Gen 31:38-40)But God made Jacob work for it:

**I. God will Protect You, but He won’t Pamper You:**

**God lets Jacob in on a Secret!** (Gen 32:1-2)

**Jacob Tries Flattery:** (Gen 32:3-5)

**Jacob Tries Strategy:** (Gen 32:6-8)

**Jacob Tries Prayer:** (Gen 32:9-12)(Gen 28:13-15)

**Jacob Tries to Appease:**

(Gen 32:13-15) 580 animals to give Esau as a present.

(Gen 32:16-21) He divides them into 5 groups.

**Jacob tries to appeal to Esau’s Humanity:**

(Gen 32:22-23) Maybe he’ll take pity on the children?

**II. God will Hurt, but He will Not Harm You:**

(Gen 32:24) God engineered Jacob to be left alone.

(Gen 32:25) *I hate to do it to you Jacob!*

(Gen 32:26) *God he didn’t want Jacob to let go!*

**Jacob comes to the end of himself:** (Gen 32:27)

**God will Hurt you, but He will never Harm you!**

(Heb 12:11)

**III. God Will Break You so He can Bless You:**

(Gen 32:27) *“What is they name”* (1 Cor 11:31)

**IV. God Will Cripple You So He Can Crown You:**

(Gen 32:28)(Rev 5:10)

**God crippled him to Change his Character** (Gen

32:31)(Gen 33:3)

***Failure does not have to be final.*** (Heb 11:21)

(Heb 10:38) *the just shall live by faith.*

(Matt 21:44)(Ps 51:17)

**IV. Church is a Place of Change:** (Gen 28:10)(Gen 31:13)

**Jacob comes back to Bethel:** (Gen 32:9-12)

(Gen 32:24-25) Jacob wrestled with God over his past

(Gen 32:26) Jacob wants God to Bless Him!

(Gen 32:27-28) Jacob is Changed!

(Gen 32:29) Jacob is Blessed.

(Gen 32:30) God’s blessings were a New Dependence & New Identity.