

**Series: You Asked for It 2023**

**Title: “Does God ever get tired of us saying no?”**

**Text: (Gen 32:24-32)**

**“Does God ever get tired of us saying no?”**

***Illus: The Answer is YES, but with a Resounding NO!***

(Gen 6:3)

(Rom 10:19-21) God WOOs us like a lover.

(James 4:5-8) The Holy Spirit “*Lusteth*”

**I. Salvation: Takes Surrender**

(Gen 32:24a) God came looking for Jacob

(Lk 19:10) He came seeking us.

(Acts 9:1-2) Saul wanted a relationship with God on his terms

(Acts 9:3-5) Jesus Came seeking Saul.

God gets on our trail like a hound dog: (John 6:44)

We are not guaranteed a tomorrow! (James 4:14)

We should accept God’s offer now and not delay: (2 Cor 6:2)

***Does God ever get tired of us saying no? YES! He does!***

(Gen 32:25) God had to cripple Jacob to change Jacob’s will

(Ecc 9:4)(Ps 118:1-4) His *Mercy Endureth for ever.*

**II. Separation: Takes Surrender**

***When Jacob became God’s child, God gave him a new Identity.*** (Gen 32:27-29)(Gen 25:26a)

***Jacob stole Esau’s Birthright:*** (Gen 25:29-34)

***Jacob stole Esau’s blessing, thus his Inheritance:***

Explain the Story (Gen 27:34-41)(Gen 30:41-42)

***God Met Jacob to confront him and give him One last opportunity to submit willingly.*** (Gen 32:27-28)

***Does God ever get tired of us saying no? YES!***

(Gen 32:25) God crippled Jacob to change Jacob’s will.

***When Jacob wrestled with God and submitted to God, God gave him a new identity.*** (Gen 32:28)

**God wants to be our identity.** (2 Cor 5:17)(Gal 6:15)

(Eph 2: 6-13)(Eph 3:6,11)(John 8:38-44)

**Many people will use these verses to excuse their behavior**

(1 Cor 6:9-13) Explain the Society:

***Our Identity in Christ is not based on our Behaviors.***

(Matt 5:16, 45, 48)

(1 Cor 6:19-20) We Are NOT Our OWN!

(Rom 9:20-24)

***Doesn’t God ever get tired of us saying no? YES & NO!***