

The Crippling of the Self-Sufficient

Text: Genesis 32:22-32

Main Idea: God strengthens His children by breaking their self-dependence so that He can bless us as we cling to Him in our brokenness.

1. God _____ His children by _____ them of their self-dependence. (v. 22-25)

- **The Timing:** The Lord often works on us when we are _____ and at the end of our resources! (v. 22-24a)
- **The Initiator:** The Lord is the _____ seeking to break our self-dependence. (v. 24b)
- **The Struggle:** The Lord intends for us to learn about ourselves in the midst of the struggle: strength of our _____ & our sinful _____. (v. 24c)
- **The Power:** The Lord has an awesome power to _____ our lives as He wishes. (v. 25, 2 Cor 12:9-10)

2. If we cling to God in our brokenness He will _____ us! (v. 26-31)

- Clinging means seeking God's _____ with tears for His favor & help. (Hose 12:4)
- Clinging to God doesn't exempt us from being _____ to use God and not submit to him.
- Clinging to God brings a new _____, a new _____ & a new _____ in our relationship with God that empowers us to face all of life.

3. We must _____ others about our victories which came from God's breaking. (v. 32)