WHY IS THE LORD NOT ANSWERING MY PRAYER FOR HELP?
JACOB LEARNS HIS GREATEST OPPOSITION IS NOT ESAU BUT GOD
Genesis 32:1-32

I. REALIZE JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE SEEKING THE LORD, THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN HE IS ON YOUR SIDE (1-21)

A. Angels of God meet Jacob reaffirming the Lord is watching over him (1-2, 28:12,17)

B. Jacob gets an alarming report: He sends messengers to Esau to find favor and they return with distressing news that Esau is on the way with 400 men (3-6)

C. Jacob rightly seeks the Lord's protection yet begins also to execute his plan to appease Esau or escape from his hand (7-21)

II. LET THE LORD BREAK YOU OF YOUR SELF-DEPENDENCE (which is actually opposition to God)**: Jacob is opposed by the Lord, who wrestles with him till daybreak and then dislocates his hip (22-25)**

III. RESPOND RIGHTLY by CEASING TO RESIST GOD'S EFFORT TO OPPOSE YOUR SELF- EFFORT and then CLING TO GOD: Jacob finally prevails with God by yielding to the Lord's breaking of him and is blessed (26-30)

IV. LET THE RESULTS OF WRESTLING WITH GOD CONTINUALLY REMIND AND INSTRUCT YOU: Jacob's hip is a continual reminder of the Lord's breaking of him (31-32)