



Running with the Giants  
Pt. 3 - Jacob  
Believing When You're Not Seeing

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ what you really want.

- **Jacob is competing in the womb**

**Genesis 25:23 (NLT)**, “And the LORD told her, “The sons in your womb will become two nations. From the very beginning, the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be stronger than the other; and your older son will serve your younger son.”

- **Jacob bargains for Esau's birthright**

**Genesis 25:27-33 (NLT)**, “<sup>27</sup>As the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter. He was an outdoorsman, but Jacob had a quiet temperament, preferring to stay at home. <sup>28</sup> Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob.”

- **Jacob Claims Esau's Blessing**

**Genesis 27:1-6 (NLT)**, “One day when Isaac was old and turning blind, he called for Esau, his older son, and said, “My son.” “Yes, Father?” Esau replied. <sup>2</sup> “I am an old man now,” Isaac said, “and I don't know when I may die. <sup>3</sup> Take your bow and a quiver full of arrows and go out into the open country to hunt some wild game for me. <sup>4</sup> Prepare my favorite dish and bring it here for me to eat. Then I will pronounce the blessing that belongs to you, my firstborn son, before I die.” <sup>5</sup> But Rebekah overheard what Isaac had said to his son Esau. So when Esau left to hunt for the wild game, <sup>6</sup> she said to her son Jacob, “Listen. I overheard your father speaking to Esau.”

- **Jacob is betrayed by Laban**

**Genesis 29:18-28 (NLT)**, “<sup>18</sup> Since Jacob was in love with Rachel, he told her father, “I'll work for you for seven years if you'll give me Rachel, your younger daughter, as my wife. <sup>19</sup> “Agreed!” Laban replied. “I'd rather give her to you than to anyone else. Stay and work with me.” <sup>20</sup> So Jacob worked seven years to pay for Rachel. But his love for her was so strong that it seemed to him but a few days.”

**Mark 8:35 (NLT)**, “If you try to **hang on to your life, you will lose it**. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, **you will save it**.”

2. \_\_\_\_\_ a new identity.

**Genesis 32:24-28 (NLT)**, “This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a **man** came and **wrestled** with him until the dawn began to break. When the man saw that **he would not win** the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. “What is your name?” the man asked. He replied, “Jacob.” “**Your name will no longer be Jacob,**” the man told him. “From now on **you will be called Israel**, because you have fought with God and with men and have won. Please tell me your name,” Jacob said. “Why do you want to know my name?” the man replied. **Then he blessed Jacob there.**”

3. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself with God's will.

**Psalms 125:4 (NLT)**, “O LORD, do good to those who are good, whose hearts are **in tune** with you.”

**1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)**, “<sup>14</sup> This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that **if we ask anything according to his will**, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that **we have what we asked** of him.”

**Isaiah 40:31 (NLT)**, “But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will **soar high on wings like eagles**. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.”

4. \_\_\_\_\_ it before you see it.

**Isaiah 61:7 (NLT)**, “Instead of shame and dishonor, you will enjoy a **double share** of honor. You will **possess a double portion of prosperity** in your land, and **everlasting joy** will be yours.”

**Galatians 6:9 (NLT)**, “So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At **just the right time** we will reap a **harvest of blessing** if we don't give up.”