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Two things occur as Jacob wrestles with God -

- 1. After this time of testing and wrestling, his character is different.**

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**Two things occur as Jacob
wrestles with God -**

**2. He never walked
the same again.**

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Genesis 4:7

“Sin is crouching at your door. It’s like a wild animal and its desire is to take you out.”

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Jeremiah 2:13

“For my people have committed two evils. They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, to build for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that hold no water.”

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Jeremiah 2:4

“What injustice did you find in me? God says, that you went far from me and that you walked after emptiness and as a result you became empty?”

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Hebrews 12:7-11

“It is for discipline that you endure. God deals with you as with sons. What son is there whom his father does not discipline. But if you are without discipline of which all have become partakers then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore we have earthly fathers that discipline us and we respected them.”

Shall we not much rather be subject to the Father and the Spirit and live. For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them. But he disciplines us for our good that we might share in his holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful but sorrowful. Yet to those who have been trained by it afterwards it yields the peaceful fruits of righteousness.”

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Matthew 7:13-14

Jesus said:

“Narrow is the way that leads to life. And few are going to find it.”

“Broad is the road that leads to destruction.”

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**When I sin, when I fall short of the
glory of God, inevitably one of
two things happens in my life –**

- 1. The conviction of the Holy Spirit
comes crashing into my life.**

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When I sin, when I fall short of the glory of God, inevitably one of two things happens in my life –

2. If I ignore the Holy Spirit's prompting to go the narrow way, then God will pick me up and place me back on the narrow road.

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**Just because you are
going through
something today does
not mean there is sin
in your life!**

**If you are sinning and God is
wanting you back on track...**

**God will get your attention
through numerous means!!!**

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He taught me to...

1. Surrender.
2. Live with urgency.

**God is calling each of us to
live with unction.**

Unction – a holy urgency.

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Psalm 39:4

“Lord, I want you to show me how long I’m going to live. Show me the length of my days.”

“God, show me the length of my days and reveal to me that my life is just like a breath.”

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**There is a direct connection
between you understanding
how short your life is and the
urgency with which you're
going to live it.**

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“Going through cancer in many ways has been one of the best things that has ever happened in my life as far as my walk with Christ.”

- Dr. John Piper

“Suffering! It’s so beautiful.”

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Suffering makes the
bible come alive.

*“Consider it all joy when you
encounter various trials.”*

– James 1:2

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He taught me to...

1. Surrender.

2. Live with urgency.

3. Trust Him.

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My Declaration to Love People Back to Life Again.

I will love people regardless of color, regardless of creed, or past deeds. I will pursue every prompting of the Holy Spirit regardless of the personal cost or loss of comfort to me. I will give whatever it takes to rescue and restore people who have been broken, bruised and victimized. I will no longer fear darkness but instead I will have faith that the life in me is enough to penetrate the darkness that is around me.

I will admit that the church is not just a place for the socially accepted. Neither is it a country club for Christians to desire to simply dwell with those of their own kind. I believe the church is the hospital for the sick, the refuge for the rejected, and the life university that prepares leaders to impact their society. This is my declaration: to love people back to life again. This is how I will serve my generation until Jesus comes back again.

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