**Transforming Grace**

 *Genesis 32-33*

**Genesis 25:23**—*The LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb; and two peoples will be separated from your body; and one people shall be stronger than the other; and the older shall serve the younger.”*

**Genesis 27:41**—*So Esau bore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”*

4 gracious actions God uses to transform His children

**I. God allow us to face the consequences of our actions**

**Hebrews 12:5-6,11**— *“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him; for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines”…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 fruit of righteousness.*

**II. God reveals our real problem**

**Genesis 32:22—**Now he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two maids and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. **23**He took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had. **24**Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

**III. God leads us in repentance**

**A. God implants a new desire in us**

**Genesis 15:1**— *“I am your shield, and your exceeding great reward.”* (NKJV)

**Philippians 3:7-8**—*But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord…*

**B. God requires us to confess our former ways**

**C. God gives us a new identity**

**2 Corinthians 5:17**—*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

**IV. God brings restoration**