



IDENTITY CRISIS WK 3  
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BIG IDEA | Don't let what *DESCRIBES* you *DEFINE* you.

“Without knowledge of self, there is no knowledge of God. Without knowledge of God, there is no knowledge of self.” - *John Calvin*

#### Personality Tests Help

- Communication
- Organizational Leadership
- Marriage Health
- Family Dynamics

#### Genesis 25:21-26 (NLT)

<sup>21</sup> Isaac pleaded with the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was unable to have children. The Lord answered Isaac's prayer, and Rebekah became pregnant with twins. <sup>22</sup> But the two children struggled with each other in her womb. So she went to ask the Lord about it. "Why is this happening to me?" she asked.

<sup>23</sup> 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."

<sup>24</sup> And when the time came to give birth, Rebekah discovered that she did indeed have twins! <sup>25</sup> The first one was very red at birth and covered with thick hair like a fur coat. So they named him

Esau. <sup>26</sup> Then the other twin was born with his hand grasping Esau's heel. So they named him Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when the twins were born.

### Three Truths

- Inside you is the *IMAGE OF GOD* (Imago Dei).
- Sin *MARRIED* that image.
- Identity is *RECOVERED*, not *DISCOVERED*.

They **EXCUSE** our **SIN**, or they **EXAGGERATE** our **STRENGTHS**.

### Genesis 32:22-30 (NLT)

<sup>22</sup> During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two servant wives, and his eleven sons and crossed the Jabbok River with them. <sup>23</sup> After taking them to the other side, he sent over all his possessions.

<sup>24</sup> This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!"

But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

<sup>27</sup> "What is your name?" the man asked.

He replied, "Jacob."

<sup>28</sup> "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."

<sup>29</sup> "Please tell me your name," Jacob said.

"Why do you want to know my name?" the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there.

<sup>30</sup> Jacob named the place Peniel (which means "face of God"), for he said, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared."

