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生命的磨練--雅各 (II)

Steeling of Life – Jacob (II)

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" 鼎為煉銀，爐為煉金；惟有耶和華熬煉人心。 " (箴 17:3)

"The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the LORD tests the heart."(Proverbs 17:3 NIV)

引言Intro

聖經中一個不完美的人蒙主接納、陶造、賜恩的故事。

Blessed life of an imperfect man, being accepted, steeled, blessed by God.

雅各上一回 last message review:

- ✚ 從屬世爭逐到跟從上主 From Secular Chasing to Following the Lord
- ✚ 從窮途絕路到與神同行 From Desperation to Walking with God
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生命的陶煉Steeling of Life

雅各在雅博渡口與神相遇 Encountering with God in Ford Jabbok

1. 從恐懼到相信 **FROM FEAR TO TRUST** (創32:7-12 Gen 32:7-12)

「雅各就甚懼怕，而且愁煩，便把那與他同在的人口和羊群、牛群、駱駝分做兩隊，說：『以掃若來擊殺這一隊，剩下的那一隊還可以逃避。』雅各說：『耶和華我祖亞伯拉罕的神，我父親以撒的神啊，你曾對我說：『回你本地本族去，我要厚待你。』你向僕人所施的一切慈愛和誠實，我一點也不配得；我先前只拿著我的杖過這約但河，如今我卻成了兩隊了。求你救我脫離我哥哥以掃的手；因為我怕他來殺我，連妻子帶兒女一同殺了。你曾說：『我必定厚待你，使你的後裔如同海邊的沙，多得不可勝數。』』」（創32:7-12）

“In great fear and distress Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. He thought, "If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape." Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, LORD, you who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,' I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps. Save me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am afraid he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children. But you have said, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'" (Gen 32:7-12 NIV)

⇒ 從恐懼到相信 **FROM FEAR TO TRUST**

2. 從逃避到面對 **FROM ESCAPING TO FACING** (創 32:13-20 Gen 32:13-20)

「當夜，雅各在那裡住宿，就從他所有的物中拿禮物要送給他哥哥以掃：母山羊二百隻，公山羊二十隻，母綿羊二百隻，公綿羊二十隻，奶崽子的駱駝三十隻，各帶著崽子，母牛四十隻，公牛十隻，母驢二十匹，驢駒十匹；每樣各分一群，交在僕人手下，

就對僕人說：「你們要在我前頭過去，使群群相離，有空閒的地方」；又吩咐儘先走的說：「我哥哥以掃遇見你的時候，問你說：『你是那家的人？要往那裡去？你前頭這些是誰的？』你就說：『是你僕人雅各的，是送給我主以掃的禮物；他自己也在我們後邊。』」又吩咐第二、第三，和一切趕群畜的人說：「你們遇見以掃的時候也要這樣對他說；並且你們要說：『你僕人雅各在我們後邊。』」因雅各心裡說：「我藉著在我前頭去的禮物解他的恨，然後再見他的面，或者他容納我。」（創32:13-20）

“He spent the night there, and from what he had with him he selected a gift for his brother Esau: two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty female camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys. He put them in the care of his servants, each herd by itself, and said to his servants, "Go ahead of me, and keep some space between the herds." He instructed the one in the lead: "When my brother Esau meets you and asks, 'Who do you belong to, and where are you going, and who owns all these animals in front of you?' then you are to say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.'" He also instructed the second, the third and all the others who followed the herds: "You are to say the same thing to Esau when you meet him. And be sure to say, 'Your servant Jacob is coming behind us.'" For he thought, "I will pacify him with these gifts I am sending on ahead; later, when I see him, perhaps he will receive me." (Gen 32:13-20 NIV)

⇒ 從逃避到面對 **FROM ESCAPING TO FACING**

3. 從挫敗到得勝 **From Frustration to Prevailing** (創 32:26-28,33:5)

Gen 2:26-28, 33:5)

「那人說：「天黎明了，容我去吧！」雅各說：「你不給我祝福，我就不容你去。」那人說：「你名叫什麼？」他說：「我名叫雅各。」那人說：「你的名不要再叫雅各，要叫以色列；因為你與神與人較力，都得了勝。」（創32:26-28）

“Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." (Gen 32:26-28 NIV)

「以掃舉目看見婦人孩子，就說：「這些和你同行的是誰呢？」雅各說：「這些孩子是神施恩給你的僕人的。」(創33:5)

“Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children. "Who are these with you?" he asked. Jacob answered, "They are the children God has graciously given your servant.” (Gen 33:5 NIV)

⇒ 從挫敗到得勝 From Frustration to Prevailing

結語Conclusion

從自我中心 到 以神為中心 From Self-centered to God-centered

If God gives up sinners, He will give us up.

For imperfect and dirty vessel → God is not to discard it but to fix it, cleanse it by the holy blood Christ and renew it the power of the Holy Spirit.

Responding Song 回應歌: “Still” “安靜”

背經:

約 15:5 下 「...因為離了我，你們就不能做甚麼。」

問題討論:

1. 你認為雅各回鄉時行將渡河時，為何安排他兩妾和兩妻在前頭，自己走在後頭？是恐懼？是不知如何面對？
2. 雅各在雅博渡口與天使摔跤，是得勝了？抑或失敗了？
3. 雅各與主相遇的經歷如何改變了雅各的生命？他在當中學到了甚麼功課？

總結: 當人遇上了主，他的一生就不再一樣了，你也願主耶穌進入你生平中嗎？