

Thought for the day – Friday 24th June 2022

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Parable and Paradox Jacob Wrestles with the Angel

I like the story of Jacob at the Jabbok. (I also link it to Tibor Zakesh a famous wrestler who lived in Brixton. Do you remember Dale Martin and Joint Productions. He was famous for his straight fingers; he also took my friend Chris's children to school.)

Jacob Wrestles with the Angel

I dare not face my brother in the morning,
I dare not look upon the things I've done,
Dare not ignore a nightmare's dreadful warning
Dare not endure the rising of the sun.
My family, my goods, are sent before me,
I cannot sleep on this strange river shore,
I have betrayed the son of one who bore me,
And my own soul rejects me to the core
But in the desert darkness one has found me,
Embracing me, he will not let me go
Nor will I let him go, whose arms surround me,
Until he tells me all I need to know
And blesses me where daybreak stakes its claim,
With love that wounds and heals; and with his name.

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We read of Esau's ready forgiveness of Jacob.

Have you felt like wrestling in prayer?