

Moments of Beauty

Week 3 - Beauty in Sports & Our Bodies

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Wrestling with Jadon Brownlee. Photo Credit: Rebecca Brownlee

“So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 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 men and have overcome.’ Jacob said, ‘Please tell me your name.’ But he replied, ‘Why do you ask my name?’ Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, ‘It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.’” Genesis 32:24-30

One of the beautiful things about God creating humankind is that he created us for relationship. And sometimes relationship is a struggle. This image of wrestling with God is really not foreign to us. God invites us to argue, question and struggle with what God is doing. It is in this relationship that we draw closer to God, literally, figuratively, and spiritually. And when we are in this intimate relationship with God we are blessed. God blesses us. And we come through that experience with a new name. Are you in a struggle with God right now? Name that. And lean in to it. Pray today that God will help you with the struggle. Accompany you and lead you out of the struggle to a new understanding.