

**PART 1: Who Are You Holding Onto?**

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## START

Who am I? What am I doing here? These two questions have been asked by countless people for thousands of years. These two questions have got several answers over the years. These two questions come from the center of our being. These two questions are continually trying to answer the question of our identity and our purpose.

- Who do you say that you are?
- Why are you here?
- What is the gap between who you say you are and who you desire to be?

## READ

[Genesis 32:28](#) (NIV)

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.”

## THINK

The story of Jacob and Esau, two brothers, is a messy story. Even before Jacob and Esau were born their family history was messy. Despite the mess in our lives God continues to work in our lives and shape us into who He wants us to be. In order to listen and follow God, we have to break away from the me first mentality reality.

- What mess are currently living in at the moment?
- How has or is God helping you through your mess?
- When do you tend to put yourself before others or God?

Jacob wrestled with God. Sometimes in life it feels that we are wrestling with God. Wrestling with God concerning our purpose, our identity, our future, unanswered questions, and the list could go on. When wrestling with God it's important to pay attention to how God is comforting us, how we are relying on Him, and who He is shaping us to be.

- How has God comforted you in times of wrestling with Him?
- What has God put in your life that forces you to rely on Him?
- Who is God shaping you to be and why?

## PRAY

“God, you are the creator of all things. Ultimately, you know who I am meant to be and why I am here. Help to shake off my false identity, the gap between who I am and want to be, and help me to embrace who you want me to be.”

## ACT

This week, think about who you are and why you are here. God has a purpose for you! Invite someone to come along the journey with you.

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**ONE CHURCH. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.**