

Welcome: We would like to welcome you here today for our worship service with our sermon series called “Joseph’s Critical Journey.” Our sermon today is called **“Coming to the end of myself along the journey of faith.”** Our sermon text is Genesis 32:1-32. **Note” the messages each week are also available on podcast from the church web page www.lightofchristwi.org**

Sermon Outline

1. When I humble myself before God it opens new pathways for my faith journey?

- Jacob recognizes that the Lord is his God and places his faith in Him...the God of Abraham and Isaac...he has moved beyond the if then statement about God that he said 20 years earlier. Jacob says in Genesis 28 if God protects him, provides for him and brings him back safely to Canaan then the Lord would be his God.
 - He recalls the Lord telling him to go back to Canaan and is in the process of obeying.
 - He humbles himself and admits he is not worthy of God’s unfailing love and faithfulness.
 - He realizes only the Lord can really rescue him from Esau as he recalls God’s promise of how many descendants he will have.
 - On your journey of faith what were the circumstances when you realized that the Lord was truly God and you put your faith in Him? Was there a time in your life when you came to the end of yourself and obeyed what the Lord was telling you to do. How has that changed your life? Was there a time in your life like Jacob when you began to realize that in the midst of your unfaithfulness to God that He was always there...and you recognized his intervention in your life? How did that change your journey with the Lord?
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2. God wants us to learn how to depend upon Him along our journey. Why is this so important in our faith journey? How does the Lord used wounds in our life to draw us closer to Him? How has this happened in your life?

- The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Cor. 12:8-10 ⁸ *Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.* ⁹ *Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.* ¹⁰ *That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong*

3. Sermon Mediation – What is the Lord telling you today? What is challenging about what the Lord is telling you? Why is it challenging? What would He like you to do about what He has communicated with you today?
