

NO
PERFECT
PEOPLE
ALLOWED

...‘Choosing to Change’

Five Stages God uses to Change Us

Stage 1: **Conflict**

¹ “Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, “Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father.” ² And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been.” ~ Genesis 31:1-2

“Then Jacob prayed, ‘O God...O Lord...I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you’ve shown me...save me I pray...for I am afraid.’” ~ Genesis 32:9-11 (NLT)

*My Choice – **I am powerless to change.***

Stage 2: **Crisis**

²⁴ “So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ 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.” ~ Genesis 32:24-25

My issues are two-fold:

1. Will I **trust God?**
2. Will I **obey God?**

*My Choice – **God has the power to help me.***

“...I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ~ Genesis 32:26

Stage 3: **Commitment**

*My Choice – **I commit my life to Christ.***

“...let me go, for it is daybreak.” ~ Genesis 32:26

Stage 4: **Confession**

“The man asked him, “What is your name?” “Jacob,” he answered.” ~ Genesis 32:27

“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” ~ Psalm 34:18

*My Choice – **I am the problem.***

Stage 5: **Conversion**

“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.”” ~ Genesis 32:28

*My Choice – **I am a new creation.***

“The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.” ~ Genesis 32:31