
The Weakness of God

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." ¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Gal. 4:6 God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts who cries out, "Abba, Father."

1 Corinthians 1:25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

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When we turn *good* things into *ultimate* things
we create our own stress!

Romans 1:21, 25 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him....They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator.

Exodus 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Nothing is More Common

"Think of your soul as a house. Idols are set up in every room, on every table. We prefer our wisdom to God's wisdom, our desires to God's will, and our reputation to God's honor."
-David Clarkson

The Returning Brother

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- ²⁹ *Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.*
- ³⁰ *So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."*
- ³¹ *The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.*
- ³² *Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.*

The Struggle for Blessing

Exodus 33:20

Winning through Weakness

The Mysterious Stranger

Genesis 32:24 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.*

²⁶ *Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."*

²⁷ *The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered.*

²⁸ *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."*

Mark 1:11 "You are my son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased."
