



-WRESTLING SUBMISSION:

-Hulk Hogan was my favorite...
Rowdy Roddy Piper. Hacksaw Jim
Duggan. The Ultimate Warrior. Andre
the Giant. The Iron Sheik.

-Figure-four my friends.



-TRANSITION: Not to make professional wrestling sound like a metaphor for life, but... wrestling with life is how most of us treat life and get through life.

-4K: We try to put life in a figure-four leg-lock.

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We try to put **life** in a figure-four leg-lock.

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-We see this WWF lifestyle in one of the most famous names in the Bible: Jacob.

-The story of Jacob begins when his mom finds out she is pregnant.

-BIBLE: Genesis 25:21-26 (NIV)

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Isaac **prayed** to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The Lord answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. The **babies** jostled each other within her, and she said, “Why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of the Lord.

Genesis 25:21-22 (NIV)



The Lord said to her, “Two **nations** are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the **older** will serve the **younger**.”

Genesis 25:23 (NIV)

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When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The **first** to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him **Esau**.

Genesis 25:24-25 (NIV)

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-We don't tend to name children based on the name's meaning.

-Fair phantom = Jennifer

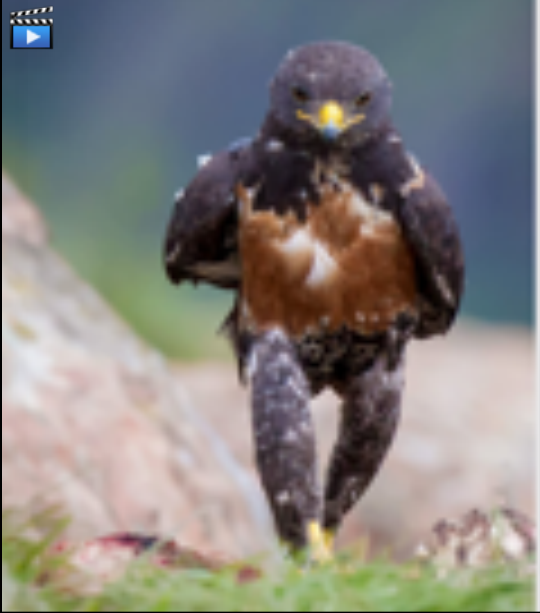
-My name has a meaning, too. Gavin:

-4K: Hawk of Battle
Little Hawk (Lil'Hawk)

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After this, his brother came out, with his hand **grasping** Esau's heel; so he was named **Jacob**. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

Genesis 25:26 (NIV)

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JACOB:
“He grasps the heel.”

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JACOB:
“He grasps the heel.”
“He deceives, manipulates, and tricks.”

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-God made a promise to Rebekah and Jacob.

-God keeps his promises.

-Rebekah struggled to trust God. Which led Jacob to struggle to trust God.

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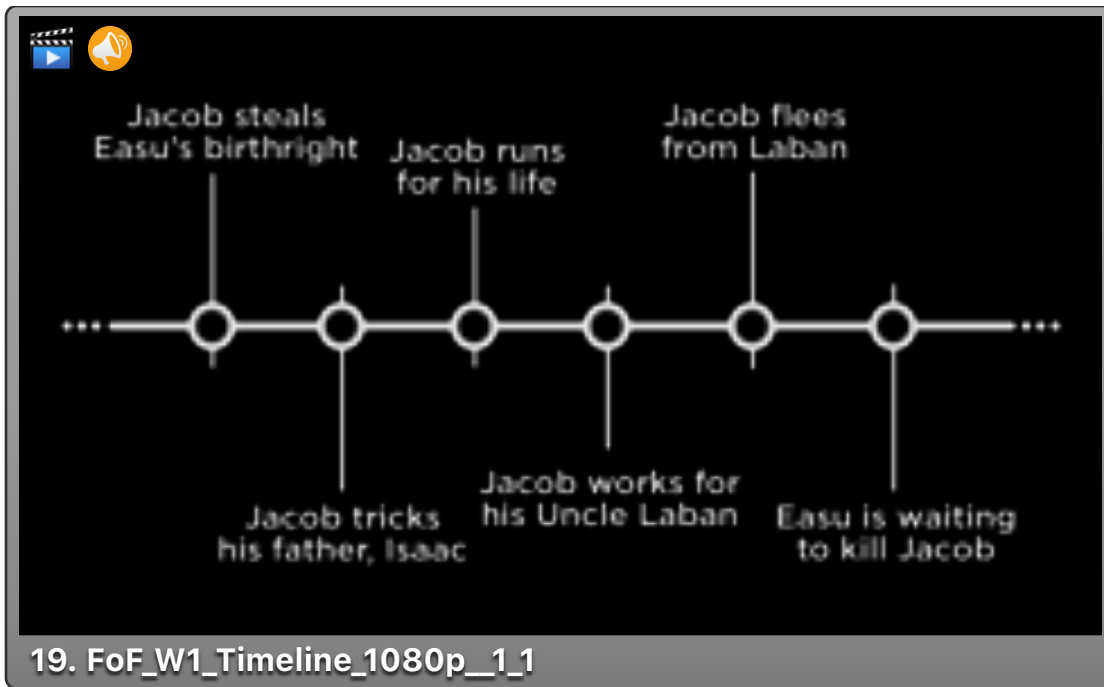


-Jacob turns into a con artist, a liar, and a manipulator.

-Rather than trust God's promise, he spends his life scheming unnecessarily to obtain this promise.

-4K: Timeline

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If you want to **control**, **manipulate**,
and **live** on your terms, God will **allow** it.

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“God won’t give us more than we
can handle!”

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God will absolutely allow you to
experience more than you can **handle**
to prove that you **can't handle** it.

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-Jacob's entire life has been spent under a promise from God that he couldn't trust.

-Fighting for control. Fighting for his promise. Fighting with others.

23. [Group]



-For the first time, we see Jacob **pray**.

-BIBLE: Genesis 32:9-12 (NIV)

Then Jacob prayed, "O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, Lord, you who said to me..."

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Then Jacob **prayed**, “O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, Lord, **you who said to me**, ‘Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,’

Genesis 32:9 (NIV)

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I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps. **Save me**, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau, for I am **afraid** he will come and attack me, and also the mothers with their children.

Genesis 32:10-11 (NIV)

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But **you have said**, 'I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted.'"

Genesis 32:12 (NIV)

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-Jacob is now trying to manipulate GOD!!! Through prayer.

-TRANSITION:
God has had it with Jacob.

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-Even after praying for God's help,
Jacob can't help but manipulate the
situation again!

-BIBLE: Genesis 32:22-31 (NIV)

That night Jacob got up and took his two
wives, his two female servants and his
eleven sons and crossed the ford of the
Jabbok...

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two wives, his two female servants and
his eleven sons and crossed the ford of
the Jabbok. After he had sent them
across the stream, he sent over all his
possessions.
So Jacob was left **alone**...

Genesis 32:22-31 (NIV)



That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions.

So Jacob was left alone and a **man** wrestled with him till daybreak.

Genesis 32:22-31 (NIV)

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-we learn later that this “man” was actually God.

-For 97 years, Jacob has been trying to manipulate, control, and submit life to his will.

32.



-God shows up, but Jacob doesn't know how to give in.

-4K: It's so easy to treat God like an intruder ready for a fight than a Father asking for our faith.

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-OUR STORY: You may be thinking: God isn't the problem. We all wrestle with something: a problem, an issue, or other people. It might be our past, our mistakes, or our own thoughts.

-4K: Our real fight is more spiritual than physical or emotional.

35. [Group]



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than physical or emotional.

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-We are wrestling with God.

-We are wrestling with control.

-4K: We are all fighting against faith.

37.



We are all **fighting** against **faith**.

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Jacob wanted the **promises** of God
without the **pain** of **surrender**.

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Jacob wanted the **promises** of God
without the **pain** of **surrender**.

And so do YOU.

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-Surrendering our will, our trust, and our faith to God is scary. But that's why it's called "faith."

-BIBLE: Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

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Now faith is **confidence** in what we hope for and **assurance** about what we **do not see**.

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

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If we had no **doubts**,
we'd need no **faith**.

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-TRANSITION: Jacob struggled all his life to prevail, first with Esau, then with Laban.

-Now, as he was about to reenter Canaan, he was shown that it was with God that he must “wrestle”—not with Esau or any other person or thing.

44.



-We're going to come back and finish the story next week, but for now, there's something we all need to recognize in our own life.

-Faith is where we all put up a fight.

45.



-God isn't going to force you to choose faith.

-4K: Only when we stop fighting with God can we experience the fruit of following God.

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Only when we stop **fighting**
with God can we experience
the **fruit** of **following** God.

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Where do you need more **faith**?

Where are you **struggling** with **doubt**?

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-TRANSITION: God is ready and willing to wrestle with you if that's what it takes. What he really wants is your faith, not a fight. What he wants is for you to stop trying to control and manipulate and deceive and, instead: SURRENDER.

49.



-HOLDING ON TO GOD: Fight or faith, we will grab hold of God either way.

-4K:

In fight or faith, we all hold on to God.

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In fight or faith, we all **hold on** to God.

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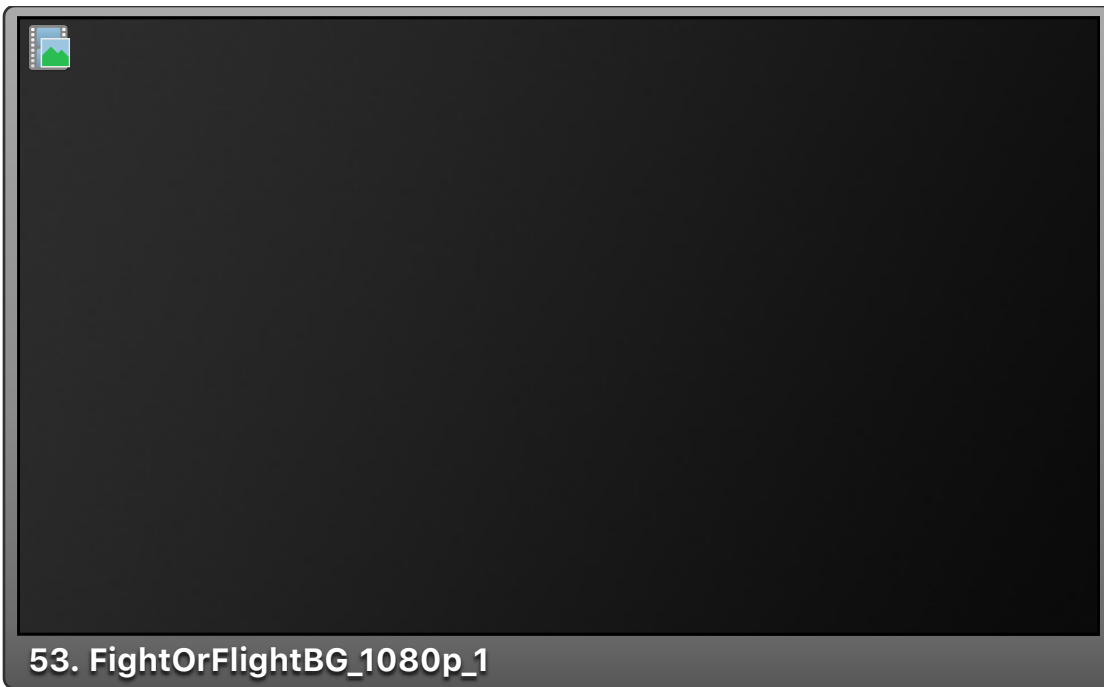
-We hold on to follow, not to fight.

-We hold on to stay close.

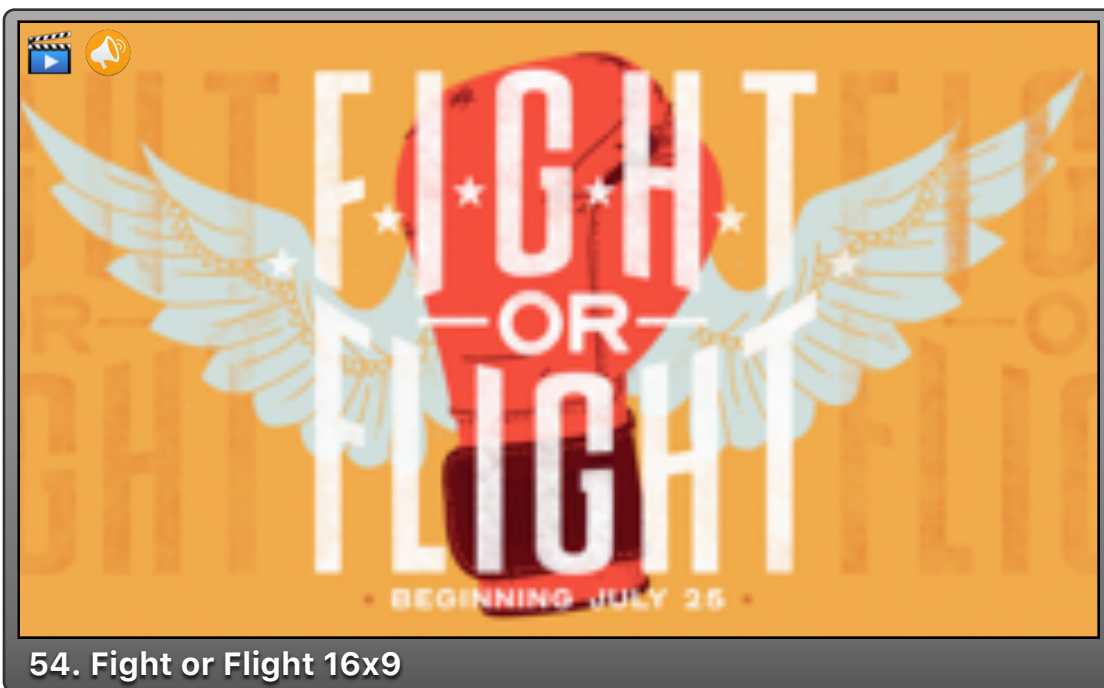
-We hold on to remain connected.

-PICK IT UP THERE NEXT WEEK...

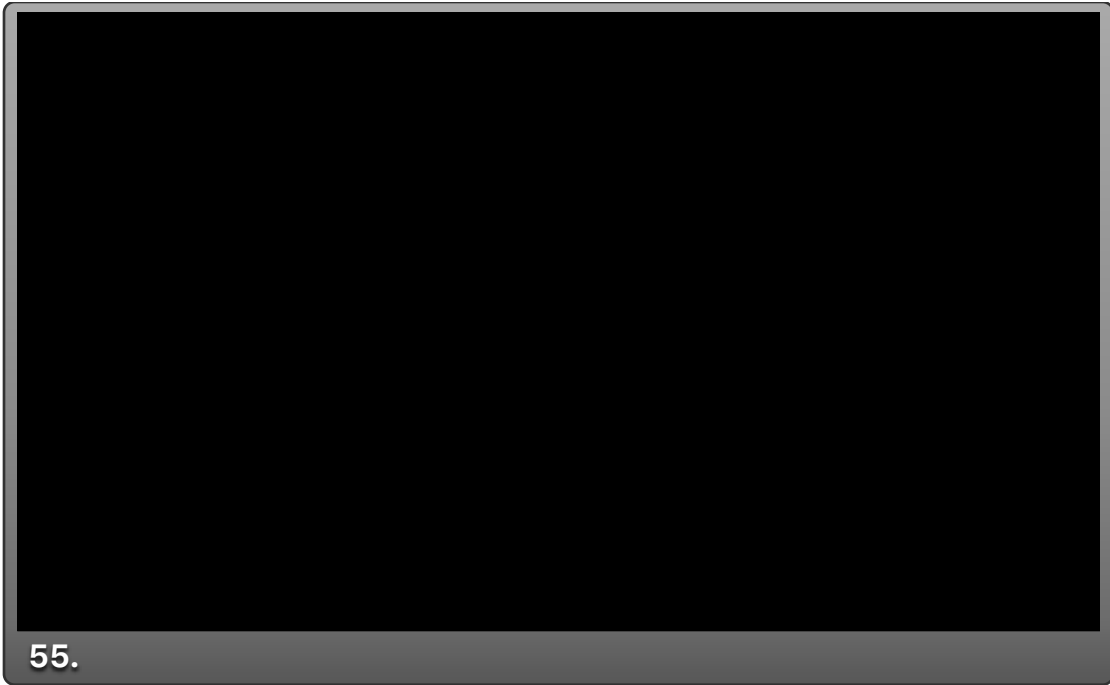
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54. Fight or Flight 16x9



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