

Talk: Wrestling with...

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Wrestling with God

Genesis 32:22-32



Hamilton the musical

- No one else was in the room where it happened.
- What do you want Burr?
- I wanna be in the room where it happens...



How others read this passage

- Enslaved African American Spirituals are permeated with the language of wrestling with God – Will Kynes

One spiritual

- And I had a mighty battle like-a Jacob and de angel,
- Jacob time of old;
- I didn't 'tend to lef' 'em go
- Till Jesus bless my soul

Phylis Tribble - scholar

- 'I was of all women most wretched – or whatever adjective seems fitting: schizophrenic, misguided, conservative, or just plain wrong. So my predicament grew as I heard the challenge of feminism.'
- Then she read, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.'
Genesis 32:26

Phylis Tribble wrestling with Scripture

- ‘That declaration became my challenge to the Bible from the perspective of feminism. I will not let go of this book unless and until it blesses me. I will struggle with it. I will not turn it over to my enemies who curse me. Neither will I turn it over to my friends who wish to curse it. No, over against the cursing either from Bible-thumpers or Bible-bashers, I shall hold fast for a blessing. I am under no illusion that the blessing will come on my terms – that I will not be changed in the process. After all, Jacob, the blessed man, limped away.’

Phylis Tribble concludes

- ‘Do not abandon the Bible to the bashers and thumpers. Take back the text. Do not let it go until it blesses you.’

Scholars say it is the oppressed and marginalized who resonate with this passage not the comfortable

I think the Covid-19
pandemic requires
us to wrestle with
God for a blessing

When we face an
apparent blockage
we have to wrestle
with God

I am here to wrestle
with the angel of
community

But I want to
focus on
wrestling with
the angel of
attention



Sacred wrestle

- 'I will not let you go,
unless you bless me.'
Genesis 32:26

Maya Angelou,
letter to my
daughter: You may
not control all the
events that
happen to you, but
you can decide not
to be reduced by
them.'

splinched

Splinking,
according to
Apparition Instructor
Wilkie Twycross,
happens **when a
wizard's mind isn't focused,**
meaning that while one part of you
may teleport to your destination,
you may end up leaving another
part of your body behind.