



After serving Laban for 20 years, God told Jacob that it was time to leave Paddan Aram and return home. Naturally, Jacob feared that his brother, Esau, would still be angry with him and try to kill him.

Read Genesis 32:7–21. Did Jacob's actions show faith or fear? Circle Jacob's motivation for each of his actions.

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| 3. Jacob divided his family and herds into two groups.                    | faith | fear |
| 4. Jacob prayed to God and told Him that he was unworthy of His kindness. | faith | fear |
| 5. Jacob remembered God's covenant.                                       | faith | fear |
| 6. Jacob sent gifts to Esau, hoping that Esau would forgive him.          | faith | fear |

7. Read Genesis 32:22–31. Use the Word Bank to complete the paragraph below.

On the night before Jacob went out to meet Esau, he sent his wives and children across the \_\_\_\_\_ River. Then a Man came

and \_\_\_\_\_ with him until dawn. Jacob must

have been tired and discouraged, but he did not give up. When the Man saw

that Jacob would not quit, He told Jacob to let him go. Jacob would not let the Man go until He

\_\_\_\_\_ him. Then the Man asked Jacob his name. Jacob told Him his

name, which meant **deceiver**. The Man gave Jacob a new name, \_\_\_\_\_,

which meant **struggles with God** or **prince with God**. Jacob finally relied only on God.

**Word Bank**

wrestled  
Jabbok  
blessed  
Israel