



I. PERSPECTIVE ON CHANGE:

1. What spiritual condition needs to change?

2. Why is change often resisted? #1) P #2) R

3. Which statement below is always true?

- G = C. OR
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II. REASONS FOR CHANGE:

1. D.
2. D.
3. D.

It wasn't only *Jacob's name* that changed! (Genesis 32)

III. THE FOUR-PART PROCESS TO JACOB'S CHANGE:

Step #1. C. GEN. 32:7-11

Observation #1. God starts to change us by getting our attention.

Observation #2. We can't continually run from a problem.

Observation #3. A positive response brings positive benefits.

Step #2. C. GEN. 32:24-26

Step #3. C. GEN. 32:27.

Step #4. C. GEN. 32:28-31

MARKING THE 4-PART GROWTH PROCESS

Step #1

Gen 32:7-11 In great fear and distress, Jacob divided the people who were with him into two groups, and the flocks and herds and camels as well. **8** He thought, *"If Esau comes and attacks one group, the group that is left may escape."* **9** Then Jacob prayed, *"O God of my father Abraham, God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, 'Go back to your country and your relatives, and I will make you prosper,'* **10** *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 groups.* **11** *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.*

Step #2

Gen 32:24-26 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."*

Step #3

Gen 32:27 The man asked him, *"What is your name?"* "Jacob," he answered.

Step #4

Gen 32:28-31 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."* **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.
