

UNTO
US A
CHILD
IS BORN



I have a
Brother



HE'S THE FIRSTBORN

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

– Romans 8:29

HE SOLD ME HIS BIRTHRIGHT – AND IT COST ME NOTHING

Though [Jesus] was in the form of God,
He did not count equality with God
a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself...

– Philippians 2:6-7

My sins
keep me from him



MY NAME IS...

JACOB

“DECEIVER”

**MY BROTHER HATES MY NAME
AND KNOWS I DESERVE TO DIE**

all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
– Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death
– Romans 6:23

MY LIFE IS BLESSED, BUT BROKEN

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...

– Ephesians 1:3

My brother is
pursuing me



Malachi 3:6-7

I the Lord do not change; therefore you,
O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

From the days of your fathers you have turned
aside from my statutes and have not kept them.

Return to me, and I will return to you,
says the Lord of hosts.

God delivers me
by **changing** me



MY STRUGGLE HAS BEEN WITH GOD THIS WHOLE TIME

Against you, you only, have I sinned...

– Psalm 51:4

I CONFESS MY NAME - AND I RECEIVE A NEW IDENTITY

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

– Psalm 32:5

MY WALK IS NOT THE SAME

My brother
embraces me



THERE IS A
PRODIGAL
MOMENT



HE ACCEPTS
MY GIFTS
BECAUSE
HE FIRST
ACCEPTED ME



HE NOW GOES
AHEAD OF ME
AND STAYS
BESIDE ME



My name is
Israel

“struggle with God”



THIS GOD IS MY GOD – EL-ELOHE ISRAEL

Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

– Psalm 73:1

I STILL MAKE MISTAKES

But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.

For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

– Psalm 73:2-3

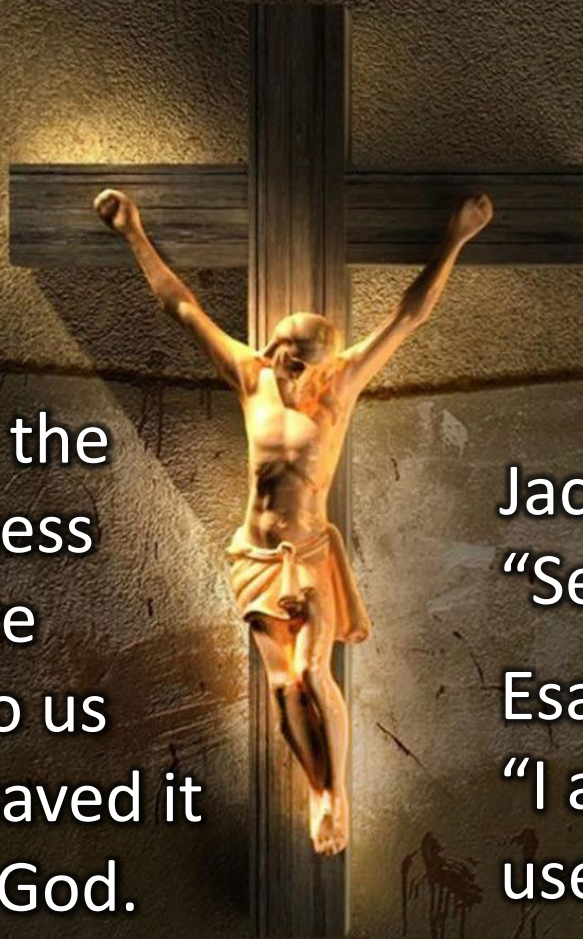
GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON ME

...then I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.

Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.

– Psalm 73:2-3



For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

– *1 Corinthians 1:18*

Jacob said,
“Sell me your birthright now.”
Esau said,
“I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?”

– *Genesis 25:31-32*

JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED

"[Jesus] had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make **propitiation** for the sins of the people.

– Hebrews 2:17

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