

Small Group Ministry Session Forty-Three: Wrestling with Angels

OPENING WORDS

“When God comes into our midst, it is to upset the status quo.”

--Kathleen Norris, *Meditations on Mary*

CHECK IN

Current state of physical or spiritual health

Joys or concerns about loved ones

Concerns/excitement about what is happening in our lives

REVIEW COVENANT

REVIEW PROGRESS OF THE CIRCLE

DISCUSSION

When Jacob wrestles with the Angel of God, he is blessed and his name is changed to Israel, which means “he who strives with God.” Throughout the scriptures of nearly all world religions, when God comes into the midst, life for those who heed the call is forever changed. Throughout history as well, the truly inspired have caused change: Jesus; the Buddha; Gandhi; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Mother Theresa.

1. When have you wrestled with Angels? When has your own personal growth interrupted the comfortable flow of your day to day life?
2. Can disruptions in the status quo change the world? Is it God disrupting the status quo?

CHECK OUT

What did you like about this meeting? What do you wish had been different?

CLOSING WORDS

“Take courage friends.

The way is often hard, the path is never clear,

And the stakes are high.

Take courage.

For deep down, there is another truth.

You are not alone.”

--Wayne B. Arnason