

## Bible Character series of readings – week 10

### 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Jacob

**Monday: Genesis 27:1-29. The schemer:** In v12, Jacob, who was not converted at this time, is not concerned about tricking his father, but doesn't want to be found out! How did your attitude to sin change when you gave your life to Christ?

**Tuesday: Genesis 28:1-22. The dreamer:** Through his dream, Jacob came to realise the presence of God. This was a defining moment for him, and a major step forward in his understanding of faith. When have you been surprised to sense God's presence? Thank God for occasional experiences which deepen faith!

**Wednesday: Genesis 32:1-32. The wrestler:** Relationship difficulties are key issues that God uses to change us and Hosea 12:3-4 makes it clear that God used this incident to intervene in Jacob's life, marking him permanently spiritually and physically. What can you learn from this?

**Thursday: Genesis 33:1-20. The restorer:** Jacob could have saved himself much worry as his worst fears regarding meeting Esau were not realised! How easily do you put into practice Philippians 4:6 and what can you learn from Jacob?

**Friday: Genesis 35:1-15. The worshipper:** Jacob asked them all to get rid of their idols in v2. Are you superstitious? Do you have old religious habits that still affect your worship and walk of faith?