

STEP TWO: THE _____ PHASE.

Then the man said, *“Let me go, for it is daybreak.”*

But Jacob replied, *“I will not let you go unless you bless me.”*

Genesis 32:26 (NIV)

Lesson: After God gets our attention with the problem, He usually doesn't solve it immediately. God waits a little longer to see if we really mean _____.

STEP THREE: THE _____ PHASE.

The man asked him, *“What is your name?”*

“Jacob,” he answered.

Genesis 32:27 (NIV)

Lesson: We do not _____ until we honestly face and admit our faults, sins, weaknesses and mistakes.

Then the man said, *“Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”*

Genesis 32:28 (NIV)

Next Week's Myth:

Myth #2: Christians Don't Get Discouraged
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Myth #1: I'll Never Change

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**Jacob and the Angel
Genesis 32:24-30 (NIV)**

So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 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.

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Then the man said, *“Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.”*

Jacob said, *“Please tell me your name.”*

But he replied, *“Why do you ask my name?”* Then he blessed him there.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, *“It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.”*

**STEPS GOD USES TO CHANGE US
INTO THE PERSON WE WANT TO BECOME**

STEP ONE: THE _____ PHASE.

So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 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.

Genesis 32:24-25 (NIV)

Lesson: When God wants to change us, He starts by getting our _____.

Answer key

STEP ONE: THE CRISIS PHASE.

Lesson: When God wants to change us, He starts by getting our attention.

STEP TWO: THE COMMITMENT PHASE.

Lesson: After God gets our attention with the problem, He usually doesn't solve it immediately. God waits a little longer to see if we really mean business.

STEP THREE: THE CONFESSION PHASE.

Lesson: We do not change until we honestly face and admit our faults, sins, weaknesses and mistakes.