



“And Jacob was left alone...” Genesis 32:24

It is in our aloneness that we are confronted with our real self. How easily we hide from ourselves behind a myriad of things and a flurry of activities!

But dear friend, it is in these times of aloneness that we find not only ourselves, our true selves, but we discover just who God is as well. It is in these times of seeing our true selves with all of our weakness of character and hidden attitudes of heart that we also really see Jesus. Here, while we see our weaknesses we also see Him in His strengths. We see Him in all His radiant splendor accompanied by His wonderful willingness to restore, to forgive, to heal and to make us into someone we never would have dreamed – especially after having seen ourselves in this terrible aloneness!

Being alone without a confrontation with the Master may only produce a deeper selfishness and twistedness of inner life. But once Jesus has entered our aloneness there will be a wrestling that produces His character both within and without.

“Your name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince you have power with God and with men, and have prevailed.” (Genesis 32:28)

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