

# The Effective Prayer of a Desperate Man

Genesis 32:1-12

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# Genesis 32:1-4

**1** Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. **2** And when Jacob saw them he said, “This is God's camp!” So he called the name of that place Mahanaim. **3** And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom, **4** instructing them, “Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: Thus says your servant Jacob, ‘I have sojourned with Laban and stayed until now.

## Genesis 32:5-7

**5** I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, male servants, and female servants. I have sent to tell my lord, in order that I may find favor in your sight.”” **6** And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We came to your brother Esau, and he is coming to meet you, and there are four hundred men with him.” **7** Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed. He divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two camps,

## Genesis 32:8-10

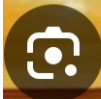
**8** thinking, “If Esau comes to the one camp and attacks it, then the camp that is left will escape.”

**9** And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,’ **10** I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps.

## Genesis 32:11-12

11 Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. 12 But you said, ‘I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.’”

EVERY MIRACLE IN THE  
BIBLE, FIRST STARTED  
OUT AS A PROBLEM.





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JACOB PRAYED

Desperately  
Personally  
Knowledgeably  
humbly  
Thankfully  
honestly  
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