

THE TRANSFORMATION CHOICE

Genesis 31-32

FIVE PHASES GOD USES TO CHANGE US:

1. CONFLICT

REALITY CHOICE: Realize I'm not God; I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing & my life is unmanageable.

“God blesses those who realize their need for Him.” Matt. 5:3

2. CRISIS

“Before Jacob was born, he struggled with his brother; when he became a man, he even fought with God.” Hosea 12:3 (NLT)

HOPE CHOICE: Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, & that He has the power to help me recover.

3. COMMITMENT

COMMITMENT CHOICE: Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

“Do not let any part of your body become a tool of wickedness, to be used for sinning. Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God.” Rom. 6:13 (NLT)

4. CONFESSION

Jacob = “deceiver/manipulator”

HOUSECLEANING CHOICE: Openly examine & confess my faults to myself, to God, & to someone I trust.

5. CONVERSION

Israel = “Prince of God”

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

THE TRANSFORMATION CHOICE: Voluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.