And he [Christ] said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. Genesis 32:28.

That night Jacob, the petted son of his mother, experienced the new birth and became a child of God. In his discouraged state the light that came to him was regarded as most precious, and the hard stone on which his head rested the most desirable on which his head had ever rested.

What a happy man he was! He knew that he had had a communication from God. And any one of us who has received light
from the throne of God, can but have a heart filled with praise, and
thanksgiving, and honor to the Lord God of heaven.

Jacob, in the great crisis of his life, turned aside to pray. He was filled
with one overmastering purpose,—to seek for transformation of
character. But while he was pleading with God, an enemy, as he
supposed, placed his hand upon him, and all night he wrestled for his
life. But the purpose of his soul was not changed by peril of life itself.
When his strength was nearly spent, the Angel put forth His divine
power, and at His touch, Jacob knew Him with whom he had been
contending. Wounded and helpless, he fell upon the Saviour's breast,
pleading for a blessing. He would not be turned aside, nor cease his
intercession, and Christ granted the petition of this helpless, penitent
soul, according to His promise, “Let him take hold of my strength, that
he may make peace with me....” Jacob pleaded with determined spirit,
“I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.” This spirit of persistence
was inspired by Him who wrestled with the patriarch. It was He who
gave him the victory, and He changed his name from Jacob to Israel,
saying, “As a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast
prevailed.” That for which Jacob had vainly wrestled in his own
strength, was won through self-surrender and steadfast faith.

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