

*Daily devotions for
2019*



Day 15
Jacob, part 5

A Name of God
Psalm 46

"The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress"
Psalm 46 v11

How amazing is it that Trickster Jacob gets to be included in a name of God! 'The God of Jacob' is mentioned many times in the Bible. What did he do to be so honoured?

Jacob was just an ordinary man who encountered our extraordinary God. God loved Jacob despite his lying, deception, manipulation, fear and lack of trust. He loves us despite our flaws too.

God chose Jacob for a purpose and no matter how often Jacob tried to take things into his hands or was fearful at every step, Gods plans were fulfilled and a nation established. In the same way God is able to fulfil his plans through us even when we get it wrong or try to manipulate things through fear or lack of trust. He gives us a new name and a new identity.

God meets Jacob at his worst. Meets him in his most fearful, darkest times. He comforts, strengthens, prepares and blesses him. God longs to meet us where we are too.

Perhaps God being called 'the God of Jacob' is to teach us that God can be God of the ordinary, deceitful, manipulative, fearful person. He can be God of anyone and he longs to be called the God of (insert your own name here).

Through the sacrifice of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit we have an immense privilege which only a chosen few in the Old Testament had- the possibility of a personal relationship with El Shaddai - Almighty God we can learn to trust, struggle with and be blessed by in order to bless others.

Prayer

Lord God, be my God. Rule in my life and let me be a blessing to others.