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_____ should come first not last. Understand that there is no limit to what God will do, no desperation he will withhold to teach you this basic lesson in prayer: *You are helpless, and you have no hope except in him.*

"Peniel"- God's face. Jacob had seen the Lord and his life would never be the same. When you dare to draw near to God – even though you may not understand the circumstances you are going through, your life will never be the same.

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