

“Satan’s masterpiece is not the prostitute or the bum. It is the self-sufficient person who has made life comfortable, who is adjusting well to the world and likes living here, who longs only to be a little better—and a little better off—than he already is.”

—Larry Crabb

Striving After Lesser Things

This Must Become
Personal!

God Initiates the Encounter

“This story reveals an important dimension to our relationship with God that our sentimental age often fails to see: God is dangerous. He is the aggressor in the narrative. He is not comfortable to have around.”

—Tim Chester

Nothing Else Matters

“In the womb he grasped his brother’s heel;
as a man he struggled with God.
He struggled with the angel and overcame him;
he wept and begged for his favor.”
—Hosea 12:3-4, NIV.

“He won when he was helpless; he had power with God
when his power was gone.”

—Edmund Clowney

Everything Else
Changes

“For all of us, the way into the Promised Land passes through the night, that we too only enter it as those strangely marked with scars from the struggle with God, the struggle for God’s kingdom and grace; that we enter into the land of God and of our brother as limping warriors.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer