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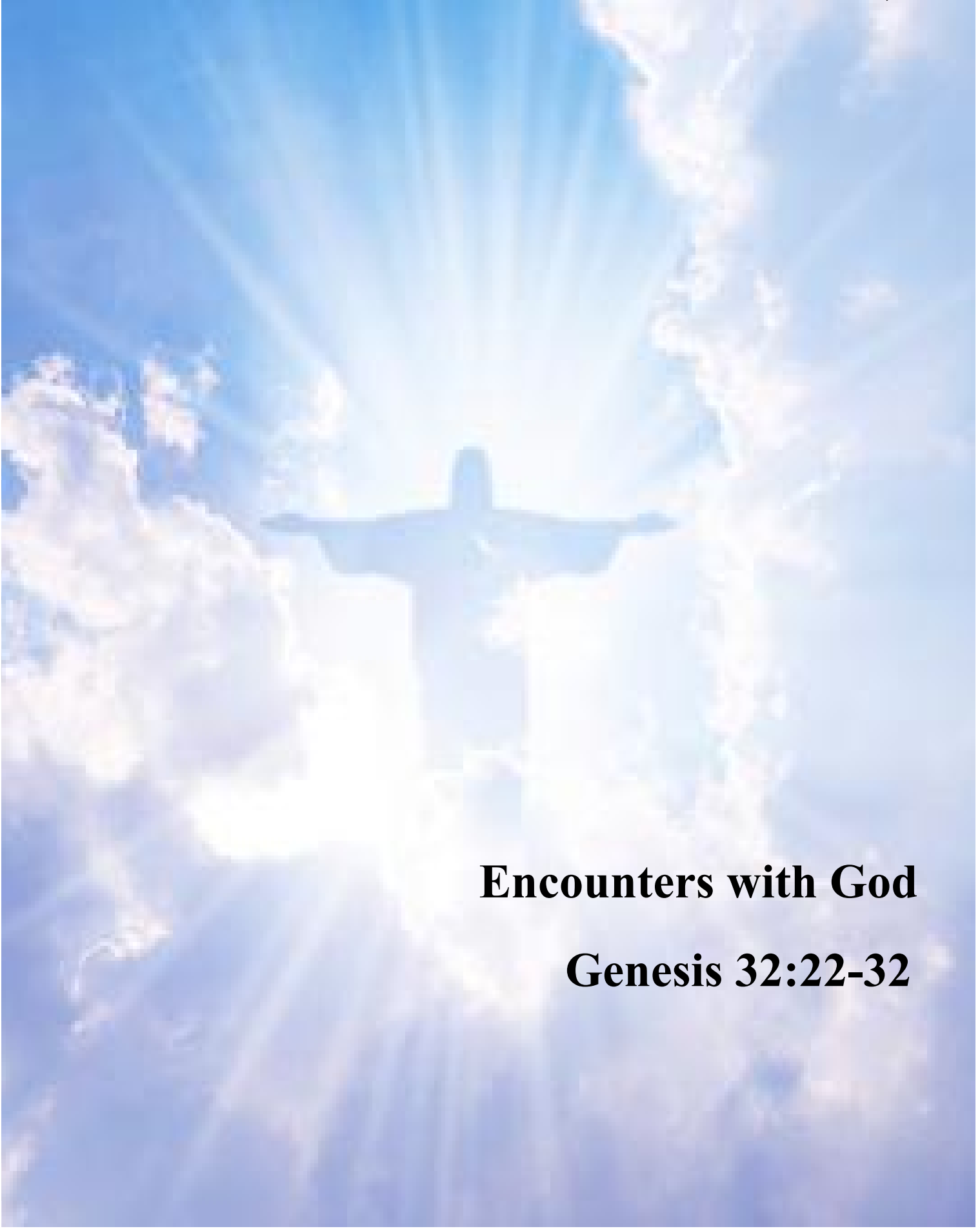
# **CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**Encounters with God**

**Genesis 32:22-32**

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# Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	Psalm 98:1 (NIV)
Welcome	Candy Chin
Adoration	God Is Able Whom Shall I Fear The Potter's Hand
Prayer	Laura Moon
Scripture Reading	Genesis 32:22-32 (CSB) Johnson Leo
Proclamation	Encounters With God Pastor Oleg Xu
Response Music	It Is Well With My Soul
Offertory Prayer	Johnson Leo
Announcements	Johnson Leo
Benediction	Pastor Oleg Xu

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## Genesis 32:22-32 (CSB)

**22** During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two slave women, and his eleven sons, and crossed the ford of Jabbok. **23** He took them and sent them across the stream, along with all his possessions. **24** Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. **25** When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he struck Jacob's hip socket as they wrestled and dislocated his hip. **26** Then he said to Jacob, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." **27** "What is your name?" the man asked. "Jacob," he replied. **28** "Your name will no longer be Jacob," he said. "It will be Israel because you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed." **29** Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he answered, "Why do you ask my name?" And he blessed him there. **30** Jacob then named the place Peniel, "For I have seen God face to face," he said, "yet my life has been spared." **31** The sun shone on him as he passed by Penuel—limping because of his hip. **32** That is why, still today, the Israelites don't eat the thigh muscle that is at the hip socket: because he struck Jacob's hip socket at the thigh muscle.

### Notes:

- I. You cannot run from your past and solve your problems (v. 22-24a)
- II. You have to meet the Creator personally so to come to your senses (v. 24b-29)
- III. You can face the future with renewed hope once you've "seen the face of God" (v. 30-32)

### Discussion:

1. Knowing your true identity comes through a life-changing experience with Jesus Christ.
2. Have you surrendered and submitted your life to the Lordship of Christ?

#### Monthly Preaching Schedule

Date	English (9:45 am)	Mandarin (9:45 am)	Cantonese (11:15 am)
3/9/2025	Pastor Oleg	Rev Andrew	Pastor Samuel Law
3/16/2025	Rev Danny	Tim Eng	Tim Eng
3/23/2025	Tim Eng	Rev Danny	Pastor Oleg
3/30/2025	Tim Eng (Family Worship Service)	Pastor John	Pastor John

# Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

## "Musings at 3:45 am"

Inadvisably, for any sane individual at this time of day, I am up and reflecting on some of the events of Sunday's time with my church family. We are a body of people with persons ranging in age from toddlers to centenarians. We have some dynamic spiritual leaders who challenge the "faith walks" of us all and some others who distinctly function as emotional babies in our circle. Yes, we are a normal church body with strengths and weaknesses. We search out how we can be both bold in the Lord's guidance and still be equally caring and gentle for those who require that sensitivity. What is our hope that we can experience a revival of burden for the lost while having a renewed spirit of fellowship with our Saviour and Lord?

I suspect that our membership knows that we should be a body of "prayer warriors" with a closeness and intimacy between ourselves and our Father that can be rivaled by few others. Yet, if our prayer lives and the fellowship of prayer as a collective body were to define our health as a church, I fear that we would all have to recognize that we are not the model for other churches that we know is desirable. In our various congregations, we politely "bow our heads to the Lord" with short prayers at varying times. Monthly, we have a church-wide prayer meeting that brings a small group of us together. Yet, we all have to recognize that the intimacy between ourselves and Christ is weak and that act of weakness needs to be placed on our own behavior and not the Lord's.

In a recent sermon, I reflected on James 2:26 where the reminder is that "Faith Without Works is Dead." Of course, for the Christian, we recognize that "Works without Faith are also dead." If we, as Christians, find ourselves praying without taking the actions which reflect our faith that God is listening to our prayers, then we sin. Our church needs people of confidence and that confidence is in the Omnipotent and Omni Loving Heavenly Father. May we all seek out our identity at CBC for where we can truly "serve the Lord with gladness!" (Psalm 100:2).

### Announcements.

- **Senior Rainbow Fellowship (Super Senior Event) will be on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 10 am to noon in the FLC.** Please invite your parents or relatives who are 90 years or older to have fellowship and a celebration together. Please RSVP to Dorothy Chow at 281-222-9180 or Josephine Jue at 713-774-4321.
- **B&B (Bereans and Boomers) Fellowship presents "Passing on the legacy of Life and Vibrancy" with the speaker Luke and Amy Wong, held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 10:30 am to 1 pm in the FLC.** Cost for lunch is \$5/ person. Please RSVP to Gene Woo at [geneywool@gmail.com](mailto:geneywool@gmail.com) or Ashley Lo at [ashleyl@cbchouston.org](mailto:ashleyl@cbchouston.org) or call the CBC Office at 713-461-0963.
- **Another Senior Rainbow Field Trip to Schulenberg, TX to see the "Painted Churches"** is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 9, 2025. The cost is \$30/ person** (ticket, tour fees & tips). Space is limited, so please RSVP now to Dorothy at 281-222-9180 or Josephine at 713-774-4321. The bus will depart from the CBC parking lot at 8 am.
- **Please save the date for June 23 to June 27 for the Vacation Bible Camp (9 am to noon) and Kids Chinese Camp (1 pm to 5 pm) at CBC.** It's for children aged 4 to 12 years old. Registration will be open in May. Lunch will be on your own. Apply now to serve in this exciting outreach ministry! If you are interested to help, please call the CBC Office at 713.461.0963.
- **The Kids Ministry** is seeking 2-4 Sunday school teachers for preschool-kindergarten, 2-4 Sunday school teachers for grade school age groups, and nursery help. Sign up to serve and help develop the next generation of disciples for Christ. Please contact the CBC Office at 713.461.0963.
- **California Relief Fund** - Praise God that \$9,000 was disbursed to Send Relief. We will no longer collect this fund, thank you to those who donated.

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