God of Jacob

Most of Genesis is devoted to the stories of three people, Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph. Each has a unique, life-long walk with God, and Genesis takes us along on their journeys. Abraham's journey is a story of persevering faith and rich blessing. Joseph foreshadows Jesus Christ, with his unjust suffering, his exaltation, and his role in the salvation of his people. But perhaps we identify the most with Jacob. Even from his mother's womb, his life was struggle. And a good deal of his struggle was his own doing. The younger of twins in a society that heavily favored the eldest son, he schemed. he cheated. he fled, and he wrestled – even with the angel of God. But throughout his tumultuous life, God stayed with him. God guided, assured, blessed, and delivered Jacob over and over again. The God of Jacob is our God as well. He is faithful, faithful, faithful, even when we are not.

Hymn: God of Jacob