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Q1: Jacob sends Esau a tribute of over five-hundred animals, prepared in a very exact formation, with specific instructions given to the herders. What effect does Jacob intend to produce?

Q2: What happens to the two camps after they are divided?

Q3: What is the distinctive element of Jacob's prayer to God, and what function does it serve?

Q4: Why does Jacob stay behind after sending everyone else across the river?

Q5: Who was the man he wrestled?

Q6: Both of the names, Jacob and Israel, are given after a long struggle - in a womb or before a river crossing - and both names recognize that struggle. What changes are marked by the giving of the second name?

Q7: When they do meet, they don't talk about Esau's murderous vow, Jacob's trickery, the blessings, or the birthright - at least, not explicitly. Is it because they're afraid to? Because there is no need? Because they really are talking about them?

Q8: How is their conversation informed by non-verbal gestures, both before and during their face-to-face meeting?

Q9: Did Shechem and Hamor think they were converting to Judaism? Did Jacob's sons think Shechem and Hamor were converting?

Q10: Why does Jacob make everyone give up their earrings?

Q11: Why did we need to know the generations of Esau?

Q12: What has always intrigued you about this parsha?