



LIVING AN UNFOCUSED LIFE



The History of the Selfie

1839 Robert Cornelius took the first “Selfie”

1865 Felix Nadar Photographs the First Revolving “Selfie”

**1914 Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna
Takes the first reported Mirror “Selfie”**

1966 Buzz Aldrin Takes the First “Selfie” in Outer Space

In 2002 the Word “Selfie” Appears Online

**In 2011 the First “Selfie” Hashtag (#selfie)
Appears on Instagram**



The Facts About Selfies

You don't have to be by yourself for it to work but by definition you can not take a selfie of somebody else, nor can somebody else take one of you.

Thus a selfie is really centered around you

**The picture taken shows a different reality,
We are doing this for self
(Not a “bad” starting point)**



The Selfie Problems

#1 -- Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny** themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24

#2 -- What good is it for someone to **gain** the whole world, and yet lose or **forfeit** their very self?

Luke 9:25



The purpose of this series is to help understand

To look at a “selfie-centered” life

See the dangers in living a “selfie-centered” life

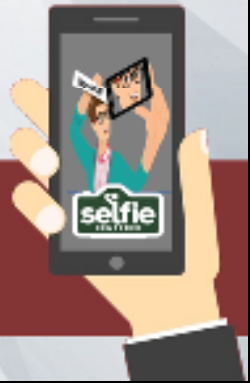
Figure out how to refocus our lives on Jesus

**To accomplish that we are going to look
a total out of focus life**



Just call Me Jacob

("Snapshots of Jacob's Life")



Just call me Jacob

The name Jacob actually means deceiver

**This was an appropriate name for him
as Jacob seemed to have a problem with truth**

Ironically he gained the world he was after

But he lost himself as he never got to enjoy any of it

**His deception would cut him off from
his family and put him on the run**



**What Jacob had to
eventually see is God
never blesses what
we pretend to be**



Me First

When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

Genesis 25:24-26



Me First

Maybe this is the best picture of Jacob we will ever see

**From the moment he came into this
world Jacob was grasping to be first**

**His grasping at life literally caused him
to marry the wrong woman**

**He ended up an indentured servant to his uncle trying
to earn what he should have been given freely**



Me First

Eventually he got a hold of God wrestling with him
for forced a blessing

You know what Jacob learned?

Me first is MISERABLE!



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There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. “For whom am I toiling,” he asked, “and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?” This too is meaningless— a miserable business!

Ecclesiastes 4:8



Conflict in Change

After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he



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answered. Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.” Jacob said, “Please tell me your name.” But he replied, “Why do you ask my name?” Then he blessed him there.

Genesis 32:23-29



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**Jacob would have been 97 years old
when this event took place**

He was wealthy

**He had a family
(4 “wives” and 11 sons)**

**He was still struggling with selfie issues
(v. 19-21)**



Redefining the Selfie

**It's a one on one thing, notice God
waited for Jacob to be alone**

God came to Jacob in the form of a man

It was an all night event but not an overnight process

Sometimes you will get hurt and possibly scared

God will ask to you look at who you think you are

He does not leave you like he found you



God “Blessed” Jacob

God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.”

Exodus 3:14-15



**Is it time to
refocus
your picture?**

