#DeathToSelfie

(5) Naming Rights

GOD has GIVEN YOU the RIGHT... to CALL ANY CIRCUMSTANCE... a BLESSING!

Genesis 35:16-20...

Then they moved on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, Rachel began to give birth and had great difficulty. 17 And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, "Don't despair, for you have another son." 18 As she breathed her last - for she was dying - she named her son **Ben-Oni**. But his father named him **Benjamin**. 19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). 20 Over her tomb Jacob set up a pillar, and to this day that pillar marks Rachel's tomb.

YOU'RE PROGRESSING WITH GOD... when you STOP 'Making Deals' WITH God... and you START 'Building Altars' TO God!

Verse 16...

Then they moved on from Bethel. While they were still some distance from Ephrath, **Rachel began to give birth** and **had great difficulty**.

Sometimes...

God will **ANSWER YOUR PRAYERS**... But it will **COST YOU** a **PRICE**... That you **NEVER IMAGINED!**

Something is always **DYING**... while something else is coming **ALIVE**!

ROMANS 8:28...

"He works **ALL THINGS** together... **FOR... THE... GOOD...** to those who **LOVE** Him and are **CALLED** according to His Purpose..."

Something is always **DYING**... while something else is coming **ALIVE**!

Verse 17-18... And as she was having great difficulty in childbirth, the midwife said to her, "Don't despair, for you have another son."

As she breathed her last... for she was dying... she named her son Ben-Oni.

But his father named him **Benjamin**.

"SON of my SORROW"

"SON of my STRENGTH"

But...

WHAT IF "GREAT STRENGTH" IS ALWAYS BORN OUT OF "GREAT SORROW?"

A.W. Tozer...

"It's doubtful that God can **GREATLY USE** a man... until God has **GREATLY HURT** a man!"

So Apparently...

SORROW... PRODUCES... STRENGTH!

And Did You Know...

YOU... CAN... RENAME... YOUR... SORROW!

Your "SORROW" TODAY... can become your "STRENGTH" for TOMORROW!

Verse 18... As she breathed her last - for she was dying - she named her son **Ben-Oni**.

But his father... named him Benjamin.

HE REFUSED TO NAME THE CHILD... THAT WAS BORN OUT OF SORROW... ACCORDING TO THE SORROW... THAT GAVE THE CHILD BIRTH!

Jacob REFUSED... to name Benjamin's DESTINY... according to a moment... in his HISTORY!

JACOB (Heel-Grabber/Deceiver) ~ ISRAEL (Triumphant with God)

BETHEL (The House of God)

MAHANAIM (Encampment of God)

PENUEL (Face of God)

BENJAMIN means...
SON OF... MY RIGHT HAND!

YOU HAVE NAMING RIGHTS!