



# In the Mud of Jabbok

He was the riverboat gambler of the patriarchs. A master of sleight of hand and fancy footwork. He had gained a seamy reputation of getting what he wanted by hook or crook—or both.

Twice he dealt hidden cards to his dull-witted brother Esau in order to climb the family tree. He once pulled the wool over the eyes of his own father, a trick especially dirty since his father's eyes were rather dim, and the wool he pulled insured him a gift he would never have received otherwise.

He later conned his father-in-law out of his best livestock and, when no one was looking, he took the kids and the cattle and skedaddled.

Yes, Jacob had a salty reputation, deservedly so. For him the ends always justified the means. His cleverness was outranked only by his audacity. His conscience was calloused just enough to let him sleep and his feet were just fast enough to keep him one step ahead of the consequences.

That is, until he reached a river called Jabbok. (Genesis 32) At Jabbok his own cunning caught up with him.

Jacob was camped near the river Jabbok when word reached him that big, hairy Esau was coming to see him. It had been twenty years since Jacob had tricked his brother. More than enough time, Jacob realized, for Esau to stir up a boiling pot of revenge. Jacob was in trouble. This time he had no more tricks up his sleeve. He was finally forced to face up to himself and to God.

To Jacob's credit, he didn't run away from the problem. One has to wonder why. Maybe he was sick of running. Or maybe he was tired of looking at the shady character he saw every morning in the mirror. Or maybe he simply knew that he'd dealt from the bottom of the deck one too many times. Whatever the motivation, it was enough to cause him to come out of the shadows, cross Jabbok Creek alone, and face the facts.

The word Jabbok in Hebrew means "wrestle," and wrestle is what Jacob did. He wrestled with his past: all the white lies, scheming, and scandalizing. He wrestled with his situation: a spider trapped in his own web of deceit and craftiness. But more than anything, he wrestled with God.

He wrestled with the same God who had descended the ladder at Bethel to assure Jacob he wasn't alone (although he deserved to be). He met the same God who had earlier guaranteed

Jacob that he would never break his promise (though one could hardly fault God if he did). He confronted the same God who had reminded Jacob that the land prepared for him was still his. (Proof again that God blesses us in spite of our lives and not because of our lives.)

Jacob wrestled with God the entire night. On the banks of Jabbok he rolled in the mud of his mistakes. He met God face to face, sick of his past and in desperate need of a fresh start. And because Jacob wanted it so badly, God honored his determination. God gave him a new name and a new promise. But he also gave a wrenched hip as a reminder of that mysterious night at the river.

Jacob wasn't the only man in the Bible to wrestle with self and God because of past antics. David did after his rendezvous with Bathsheba. Samson wrestled, blind and bald after Delilah's seduction. Elijah was at his own Jabbok when he heard the "still, small voice." Peter wrestled with his guilt with echoes of a crowing cock still ringing in his ears.

And I imagine that most of us have spent some time on the river banks as well. Our scandalous deeds have a way of finding us. Want some examples? Consider these scenes.

The unfaithful husband standing at the table with a note from his wife in his hands, "I couldn't take it anymore. I've taken the kids with me."

The twenty-year-old single in the doctor's office. The words are still fresh on her mind, "The test was positive. You are pregnant."

The businessman squirming in the IRS office. "Your audit shows that you took some loopholes that weren't yours to take."

The red-faced student who got caught red-handed copying the test answers of someone else. "We'll have to notify your parents."

All of us at one time or another come face to face with our past. And it's always an awkward encounter. When our sins catch up with us we can do one of two things: run or wrestle.

Many choose to run. They brush it off with a shrug of rationalization. "I was a victim of circumstances." Or, "It was his fault." Or, "There are many who do worse things." The problem with this escape is that it's no escape at all. It's only a shallow camouflage. No matter how many layers of make-up you put over a black eye, underneath it is still black. And

down deep it still hurts.

Jacob finally figured that out. As a result, his example is one worthy of imitation. The best way to deal with our past is to hitch up our pants, roll up our sleeves, and face it head on. No more buck-passing or scapegoating. No more glossing over or covering up. No more games. We need a confrontation with our Master.

We too should cross the creek alone and struggle with God over ourselves. We too should stand eyeball to eyeball with him and be reminded that left alone we fail. We too should unmask our stained hearts and grimy souls and be honest with the One who knows our most secret sins.

The result could be refreshing. We know it was for Jacob. After his encounter with God, Jacob was a new

man. He crossed the river in the dawn of a new day and faced Esau with newly found courage.

Each step he took, however, was a painful one. His stiff hip was a reminder of the lesson he had learned at Jabbok: Shady dealings bring pain. Mark it down: Play today and tomorrow you'll pay.

And for you who wonder if you've played too long to change, take courage from Jacob's legacy. No man is too bad for God. To transform a riverboat gambler into a man of faith would be no easy task. But for God, it was all in a night's work.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

**3 CEMETERY PLOTS** in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Lexington, known as Lot No. 606 in the 1967 Addition. Includes a Trust Receipt, No. 376, held in trust by the City of Lexington with the interest to be used for the upkeep and maintenance of Lot 606. Call Bruce Hill at 662-417-9944 to arrange for transfer

of Trust Receipt and warranty deed for Lot 606. \$1500 total. 2-1ftfn

**FOR RENT: 1 BEDROOM** trailer, furnished, Pickens. Call Dale or Sherry 601-667-9894, 601-813-4588. 5-9,16,23,30p

### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on July 23, 1986, Arthur L. Keith and Rosie K. Keith executed a certain deed of trust to James L. Bowen, as trustee, for the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, as Beneficiary, which deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, State of Mississippi, in Book 202, Page 115;

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed(s) of trust, and The United States of America, acting by and through the United States Department of Agriculture, as Beneficiary, has authorized and instructed Stephens Millirons, P.C. as Substitute Trustee to foreclose said deed(s) of trust by advertisement and sale at public auction in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor.

THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that pursuant to the power of sale contained in said deed(s) of trust and in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor, the said deed(s) of trust will be foreclosed and the property covered thereby and hereinafter described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Main Front Door of the Holmes County Courthouse at 2 Court Square Lexington, Mississippi, in the aforesaid County and will sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM) on June 4, 2019, to satisfy the indebtedness now due under and secured by said deed(s) of trust.

Stephens Millirons, P.C. will convey only such title as vested in it as Substituted Trustee.

The premises to be sold are described as:  
Lot No. 26 of Briarwood Subdivision in the City of Durant, Holmes County, Mississippi, as shown by the official map and plat thereof on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the public records of County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment.

The successful bidder must tender a non-refundable deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in certified funds made payable to Stephens Millirons, P.C. at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price must be paid in certified funds by noon on the second business day following the sale at the law firm of Stephens Millirons, P.C. at 120 Seven Cedars Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802.

Date: April 24, 2019  
Stephens Millirons, P.C.  
Substituted Trustee  
120 Seven Cedars Drive  
Huntsville, AL 35802  
(256) 382-5500  
2018-14727

Duly authorized to act in the premises by instrument recorded on April 2, 2019 in Book 2019, Page 202, of the records of the aforesaid County and State.

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EXPRESS GRAIN COMMODITY PRICES					
Crop	CBOT Month	Delivery Period	Futures Price	EGT Basis	Net Change
Wheat	Jul 19	2019 Jun	4.37	-0.22	4.15 -0.01
Corn	Jul 19	2019 May	3.64	-0.02	3.62 -0.07
Corn	Sep 19	2019 Aug	3.72	-0.11	3.61 -0.06
Soybeans Sidon	Nov 19	2019 Aug-Sep	8.53	-0.48	8.05 -0.11
Soybeans G'wood	Jul 19	2019 May - Deferred Pricing only	8.30	-0.52	7.78 -0.12
Soybeans G'wood	Nov 19	2019 Aug-Sep	8.53	-0.32	8.21 -0.11
Soybeans G'wood	Jan 20	2020 Jan	8.65	-0.24	8.41 -0.10
Soybeans Minter City	Nov 19	2019 Aug-Sep	8.53	-0.38	8.15 -0.11
Rice	May 19		10.410		-0.060
Rice	Sep 19		10.855		-0.010
Cotton	Jul 19		73.45		-2.130
Cotton	Dec 19		72.91		-1.540

Prices as of 2:00 p.m. on 5/6/19

Call to get daily bids by cell phone or email  
www.ExpressGrain.com 662-453-0800

## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HOLMES WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated July 1, 2011, executed by FREDIE MCKAY, MAUDIE MCKAY, conveying certain real property therein described to STEWART TITLE COMPANY OF MISSISSIPPI, as Trustee, for REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi filed and recorded July 11, 2011, in Deed Book 2011, Page 2683 ; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc.; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on May 30, 2019 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the north door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Holmes County, Mississippi, to wit: THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, COUNTY OF HOLMES, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIN S 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS W FROM THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SECTION 11, T13N, R1E, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST 840.94 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON A FENCE LINE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST 368.74 FEET, ALONG SAID LINE, TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WEST 117.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON A FENCE LINE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST 369.09 FEET, ALONG SAID LINE, TO A POINT ON A FENCE LINE, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 118.98 FEET, ALONG SAID LINE, TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE, MORE OR LESS IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. AND COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN LOCATED 1078.78 FEET SOUTH 1 DEGREES, 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 05 SECONDS W FOR A DISTANCE OF 11.81 FEET TO AN IRON PIN MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S 0 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 05 SECONDS W FOR A DISTANCE OF 468.48 FEET TO A METAL FENCE POST; THENCE RUN S 0 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 36 SECONDS W FOR A DISTANCE OF 361.59 FEET TO AN 8 INCH FENCE POST; THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 38 SECONDS W FOR A DISTANCE OF 361.53 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN N 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS E FOR A DISTANCE OF 361.57 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN N 0 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 02 SECONDS E FOR A DISTANCE OF 327.14 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE EBENEZER-COXBURG ROAD; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID ROAD BOUNDARY N 68 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 09 SECONDS E FOR A DISTANCE OF 387.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 6.29 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SITUATED IN THE E 1/2 OF THE E 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 11, T13N, R1E, HOLMES COUNTY, MIS-

MISSISSIPPI. PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 7930 EBENEZER COXBURG RD., LEXINGTON, MS 39095. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 428 North Lamar Blvd, Suite 107 Oxford, MS 38655 rselaw.com/property-listing Tel: (877) 813-0992 Fax: (404) 601-5846 PUBLISH: 05/02/2019, 05/09/2019, 05/16/2019, 05/23/2019 Ad #155562 05/02/2019, 05/09/2019, 05/16/2019, 05/23/2019 5-2,9,16,23b

The Holmes County Consolidated School District is soliciting bid proposals from qualified lawn care and hedge trimming maintenance contractors to provide contract lawn care maintenance in specified locations within the school district for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Bids must be in accordance with the Request for Proposals available from the Holmes County Consolidated School District Central Office located at 313 Olive Street, Lexington, MS 39095.

Sealed bid proposals in response to this request for bids must be submitted to the Central office at  
Attn: Alonzo Washington,  
Manager of Maintenance  
313 Olive Street  
Lexington, MS 39095  
662-834-2175  
601-672-5101 (mobile)  
no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on June 10, 2019, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Holmes County Consolidated Schools reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid received and to conduct such investigation as necessary to determine the responsibility of any bidder. 5-9,16b

### ALIAS SUMMONS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
Greenwood Leflore Hospital Plaintiff  
v. Cause No. 2018-0442-COCI  
LEQUESHA L. BRYANT Defendant  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
TO: LEQUESHA L. BRYANT  
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Greenwood Leflore Hospital, Plaintiff, seeking a judgment for debts due and owing.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Rebecca A. Keith, Esq., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose post office address is P.O. Box 22685, Jackson, MS 39225 and whose street address is 1021 N. Flowood Drive, Flowood, MS 39232.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 9 DAY OF MAY, 2019, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.  
Elmus Stockstill  
(Seal) Leflore County Court Clerk  
P O Box 1953  
Greenwood, MS 38935  
By: /s/ Lisa Roberts D.C. 5-9,16,23p

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DIVERT OR WITHDRAW FOR BENEFICIAL USE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd of April 2019, Will Jones of 30 Rushbrook Road, Tchula, MS 39169 filed application (s) for a permit to divert or withdraw the public water of the State of Mississippi for beneficial use, from the Mississippi River alluvial aquifer in the county of Holmes for irrigation purposes subject to existing rights, the following amount(s) of water at the indicated location (s):

Application No.	Volume:	Rate:	Location:
GW-50758	300 AF/YR	1200 GPM	SW 1/4, of the NW 1/4, of Sec 14, T16N, R01E
GW-50759	366 AF/YR	1200 GPM	SW 1/4, of the SW 1/4, of Sec 11, T16N, R01E

Any person, firm, association or corporation, deeming that the granting of the above application(s) will be truly detrimental to their rights to utilize the waters of said source, may protest in writing to the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi, C/o Kay Whittington, P. O. Box 2309, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, setting forth all reasons why said application(s) should not be approved. If not protested, the permit(s) will be issued on/after ten days following publication date.

If protested, the application (s) will be taken for consideration by the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi in its offices at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, on, or after, the 11th day of June, 2019, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard by the Permit Board.

YMD Joint Water Management District  
/s/ Alice Causey  
Alice Causey  
Permit Compliance Analyst 5-9