



iChoose

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### HUMILITY vs. PRIDE.

A man's pride and sense of self-importance will bring him down, But he who has a humble spirit will obtain honor. -Proverbs 18:12

Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor. Proverbs 29:23

"But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." -Jesus, Matthew 23:12

Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Romans 12:16

"If you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, take up your cross every day, and follow me." -Jesus, Luke 9:23

## I need constant interaction with the greatness of God.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: "Who is this who obscures My counsel by words without knowledge? Then Job answered the Lord: "I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. I spoke once, but I have no answer—twice, but I will say no more." Job 38, 40

So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12

## Come face to face with who I really am.

Do not think of yourself more highly than you should.... Don't think you are better than you really are. Romans 12:3, 16

## Serve others.

"The greatest among you must be a servant. "But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." -Jesus, Matthew 23:11-12

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Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; Rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, And every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2

### Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup\*

How would you define 'pride' and 'humility'? Is pride really SO bad? Why or why not?

What damage have you seen pride do in people and relationships around you (or even in yourself)?

Read John 13:3-17. What dynamics of 'pride' and 'humility' are going on here? How would you have felt if you had been there? Verse 14: What does it mean to "wash others' feet"?

Together read Philippians 2:1-18. What does it say about humility? What do you see regarding Jesus' attitude toward others. How could (and why didn't) sin have complicated his action to us?

How does worship become a pride destroyer? What are some other ways we can 'kill the pride'?

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