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Chapter 7. Reaching a place of HUMILITY.

Week 26: Let's look at our PRIDE, self-reliance and ego.

Video: Annapolis

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Theme verse: *Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.* – 1 John 2:15-17

Word of the Week: Pride

Quote: “All men make mistakes, but a good man yields when he knows his course is wrong, and repairs the evil. The only crime is pride.”

– Sophocles

John Eldredge: “The true story of every person in this world is not the story you see, the external story. The true story of each person is the journey of his or her heart.”

Questions: What does pride look like and is it ever good? Do you know anyone who seems full of pride and is that attractive? What do you think the pride of life represents in, 1 John 2:15-17?

Highlight Song: Who I Am video, Ben Fuller

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Word of the Week: Pride

Dictionary:

noun

- a high or inordinate opinion of one's own dignity, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in bearing, conduct, etc.
- the state or feeling of being proud.
- a becoming or dignified sense of what is due to oneself or one's position or character; self-respect; self-esteem.
- pleasure or satisfaction taken in something done by or belonging to oneself or believed to reflect credit upon oneself: *civic pride*.

verb (used with object), prided, priding.

- to indulge or plume (oneself) in a feeling of pride (usually followed by, in, on or upon): *She prides herself in her tennis.*

Quote: “I have been studying both humility and pride for many years for the purpose of weakening pride in my own life and cultivating humility by the grace of God.” – C. J. Mahaney

“Spiritual pride is the most dangerous and the most arrogant of all sorts of pride.” – Samuel Richardson

“Pride must die in you, or nothing of heaven can live in you.”
– Andrew Murray

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“Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man. It is the comparison that makes you proud, the pleasure of being above the rest.” – C. S. Lewis

“Self-centered indulgence, pride and a lack of shame over sin are now emblems of the American lifestyle.” – Billy Graham

“Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real.”
– Thomas Merton

Bible: Psalm 10:2-4

In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises. He boasts about the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord. In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God. In his **pride** the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

Proverbs 8:12-14

I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion. To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate **pride** and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have insight, I have power.

Proverbs 11:2

When **pride** comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

Proverbs 13:10

Where there is strife, there is **pride**, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

Proverbs 16:18-19

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be lowly in spirit along with the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.

Ecclesiastes 7:8

The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than **pride**.

Galatians 6:3-4

If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take **pride** in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.

James 1:9-10

Believers in humble circumstances ought to take **pride** in their high position. But the rich should take **pride** in their humiliation—since they will pass away like a wild flower.

1 John 2:15-17

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