

# Message Based Questions 9/13/20

## Pride – Part 3

**Scripture: Daniel 4-5**

**Icebreaker:** Share a time you were embarrassed or humbled. AND/OR Share a crazy dream you've had recently!

**Check-in:** What has God been teaching you this week? Give updates on the practical applications you committed to last week, regarding forgiveness or pride.

### **DISCUSS:**

1. Why is it hard to see ourselves at 3P people, characterized by power, prestige, and possessions?
2. What were some key verses in the story of Nebuchadnezzar as they relate to pride (see Daniel 4)? What can we learn from looking at his example?
3. Look up different verses that talk about God opposing the proud. What do you observe? One example is James 4:7, Amplified---

*But He gives us more and more grace [through the power of the Holy Spirit to defy sin and live an obedient life that reflects both our faith and our gratitude for our salvation]. Therefore, it says, "God is opposed to the proud and haughty, but [continually] gives [the gift of] grace to the humble [who turn away from self-righteousness]."*

4. In Daniel 5 we see Belshazzar ignoring the lesson of his grandfather. What was the meaning of what was written on the wall, "mene, mene, tekel, parsin" (v.25)? How is it significant for us?
5. Pastor Rick said "Every day I need to remember that ALL I have is stewardship." This isn't just his possessions but relationships, time, abilities and resources. How can we live with God-ordained perspective, regarded what we have been given?

### **PRAYER:**

Spend a few minutes in quiet and ask God to show how to apply what's been covered today. Pray for a practical step you can take to walk in humility and root out pride. Ask your group to pray for you and check-in next week.