

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Overcoming Pride

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2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV) "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

Stronghold = anything that exalts itself in our minds, "pretending" to be bigger or more powerful than our God.

1 Peter 5:1-6 (NLT) And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: ² Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. ³ Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example. ⁴ And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honour. ⁵ **In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."** ⁶ **So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honour.**

Where do you need to put on humility and embrace a servant's posture?

1 Peter 5:5b-6 (AMP) Clothe (apron) yourselves, all of you, with humility [as the garb of a servant, [so that its covering cannot possibly be stripped from you, with freedom from pride and arrogance] toward one another. For God sets Himself against the proud (the insolent, the overbearing, the disdainful, the presumptuous, the boastful)—[and He opposes, frustrates, and defeats them], but gives grace (favour, blessing) to the humble. ⁶ Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you.

- **God opposes the proud, but He gives grace to the humble.**

Daniel 4:37 (NLT) "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honour the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and he is able to humble the proud."

- **We can humble ourselves or God can humble us.**

So how do we embrace humility? How do we break the strongholds of pride in our life?

- **We need to look to Jesus as our Example and our Enabler.**

Philippians 2:1-11 (NLT) Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. ³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honour and gave him the name above all other names,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Big Idea: Humble yourself before the Humble King and God will honour you.

What steps can you take today to overcome pride in your life?

- **See the pride in your heart.**

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- **See the humility in Jesus.**
- **Surrender to God's grace.**
- **Submit to the Humble King.**



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