

DELAYED BY PRIDE

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1. DELAYED ACCELERATION THROUGH PRIDE

James 4:6 (NIV) “But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.”

- 1.1.** Pride disconnects us from God.
- 1.2.** When we become prideful we tend to get in the way of what God wants to do.
- 1.3.** Pride is hard to spot – We can't always see pride in our own lives.

2. FACES OF PRIDE

- 2.1.** Control
- 2.2.** Judgement
- 2.3.** Arrogance
- 2.4.** Entitlement
- 2.5.** Opinionated
- 2.6.** Inferiority –False Humility
- 2.7.** Self-Centeredness
- 2.8.** Jealousy

3. DISCONNECTION WITH GOD CAUSES:

- 3.1.** A need to take control.
Proverbs 19:21 NIV “Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”
- 3.2.** A tendency to become religious.
Proverbs 21:2 NIV “A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart.”
- 3.3.** People to become unteachable and opinionated.
1 Peter 5:5 (NIV) “In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble.”
- 3.4.** People to become desperate for attention.

4. HOW DO WE GET RECONNECTED?

4.1. We have to recognize our pride and repent.

EPHESIANS 4:23-24 (AMP) “and be continually renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude], and put on the new self [the regenerated and renewed nature], created in God’s image, [godlike] in the righteousness and holiness of the truth [living in a way that expresses to God your gratitude for your salvation].”

4.2. We have to respond in the opposite Spirit, humility is the opposite of pride.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5 (AMP) “Have this same attitude in yourselves which was in Christ Jesus [look to Him as your example in selfless humility],”

4.3. We have to chase Humility.

PROVERBS 22:4 (AMP) “The reward of humility [that is, having a realistic view of one’s importance] and the [reverent, worshipful] fear of the Lord is riches, honour, and life.”

Sermon Discussion Guide

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OPEN YOUR GROUP WITH A PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

1. Which of the “faces of pride” tend to show up in your life?
2. Do you want to control your own life or are you able to give control over to God?
3. Do you sometimes feel disconnected from God? Can you see how pride could have caused the disconnection?