

WEEK 1: THE POISEN OF PRIDE

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MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message kicks off a new series on sin called "Seven Deadly Sins." Sin didn't start with murder or theft – it started with pride. Pride is the desire to make ourselves self-sufficient rather than God-dependent. This sin is the root of every sin, leading us to place our will above God's. This was true in the Garden, but also in the rebellion of the enemy in Heaven. Pride always leads to destruction. But God offers grace and a better way – humility. When we humble ourselves, God promises to lift us up (Matthew 23:12).

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. After listening to the message, what stood out to you?
2. What's one area of life where it's hardest for you to ask for help? Why do you think that is?
3. Read Genesis 3:1-6 and Proverbs 16:18.
 - a. How did pride show up in Adam and Eve's decision? Where do you see similar temptations in your life? i.e., wanting control, knowledge, or independence from God?
 - b. Why do you think pride leads to a downfall?
4. Read James 4:6,10.
 - a. In what areas do you need God's grace right now? What would humbling yourself look like?
5. What areas should you publicly confess the sin of pride to God and others?
6. C.S. Lewis said, "Humility isn't thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less." Where do you struggle with thinking about yourself too much (work, relationships, online)? How can you shift that mindset towards humility?
7. Pick one specific act of humility to practice this week. Maybe asking for help, apologizing, or letting someone else's idea win. Share your plan with the group.
8. To close your group, read Philippians 2:5-11 and pray.