

Bible Summary

I Cor. 13:4

Love is not proud

This week James Dennis continued his series on I Corinthians 13, focusing on the the theme of pride. In Daniel chapter 4, King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream from God warning against pride. He chooses to ignore this warning and learns a hard lesson as a result. As evidenced in Nebuchadnezzar's story, pride manifests itself in the tendency to pursue the wrong things, surround ourselves with the wrong people, and refusing to change. We need to remain humble by keeping our eyes fixed on God instead of buying into the idea that "I did it and I deserve it."

Scriptures: I Cor. 13: 4, Daniel 4:4,5,27-37, Prov. 16:18, Luke 18:9-14, I Cor. 4:7

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. In what way is pride like a spiritual cancer? And what should be done about it?
3. What are some things pride has kept you from doing?
4. Nebuchadnezzar was given multiple warnings. Do you have examples of warnings you may have heeded or ignored in your own life?
5. What you pray for or how you pray for it can be a reflection of your spiritual health.
 - a. Discuss how this statement is true.
 - b. What is the difference between praying for opportunities versus praying for privilege?
6. Do you think it's important to have people in your life who can tell you the truth in love? Why or why not?
7. Do you have a particular struggle that you overcame by being willing to be broken?