

BBCC Bible Study Notes  
From the Series: Courage Under Fire  
"O Lord, It's Hard to Be Humble"  
November 5, 2017

Why does God make such a big deal about pride?

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- *Do you have anyone in your life who is willing to point out your pride?*

2. God \_\_\_\_\_ the King's life in order to deal with his pride.

*"This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes." Daniel 4:24-25 NIV*

- *How do you react when your life is interrupted?*

3. God judges the King because of his \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

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## **BBCC DEVOTIONAL GUIDE for November 5-11, 2017**

**Sunday:** Read Deuteronomy 8:10-14. In these verses God is warning his people that prosperity can lead to pride. How do you think these verses apply to our American culture? How do these verses apply to your life?

**Monday:** Read Colossians 3:12-14. Pride is a barrier to having close relationships with each other. How does pride keep us isolated from others? How does pride present a barrier to forgiveness? Is pride causing problems in your relationships with others?

**Tuesday:** Psalm 25:4-9. Why is humility necessary for receiving instruction and guidance from God? As you face important decisions each day are you relying on your own wisdom or are you actively seeking God's guidance?

**Wednesday:** Read Philippians 2: 5-11. The heart of humility is the willingness to serve people. Jesus humbled himself by becoming a servant. What are some ways that you can humbly serve people in your immediate family today?

**Thursday:** Read Luke 10:25-37. In the story of the Good Samaritan, two religious men are too busy, too "important", or too unconcerned to be interrupted by the needs of a man who has been assaulted. How do you respond when your life is interrupted by the needs of others? Be on the lookout today for times that God may be interrupting your schedule so that you can help others.

**Friday:** Read Romans 12:16. Gregory the Great, a church leader from centuries ago wrote, "Pride makes me think that I am the cause of my achievements, and that I deserve my abilities, and leads me to despise other people that don't measure up." As you think about your abilities and achievements, remember that God is the source of all you have. Thank God today for his grace to you.

**Saturday:** Read I Corinthians 13:4. This verse reminds us that love is not proud. Pride is the condition of the heart that presents the greatest barrier to love. Ask God to give you a humble heart so that you might receive His love and then extend His love to the people He has placed in your life.

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