You Did Not Humble Yourself

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Daniel 5

Big Idea: Exiles remember that God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Exile: A citizen of God's kingdom who lives in the tension of being in the world but not of it.

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Pride: an elevated view of yourself and your accomplishments

Humility: a lowered, right-sized view of yourself and your accomplishments

1. God never leaves pride unaddressed.

Mene: Numbered

Tekel: Weighed

Parsin: Divided

2. God will not ignore the humble.

Sermon questions

Meet Daniel. A man who stayed radically faithful to God and thrived in his faith while living right in the middle of one of the most godless kingdoms of all time. He has a lot to teach us about what it looks like to be an exile—a citizen of God's kingdom who lives in the tension of being in the world but not of it. We are continuing our series in Daniel, and our passage this Sunday is **Daniel 5.** The Big Idea is *Exiles remember that God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. This chapter is another example of God opposing the proud and giving grace to the humble. What examples of this truth can you point to, either from scripture or from personal experience?

2. Wyatt mentioned that success, praise, and comparison are all ways that pride can begin to take root in your heart. Where specifically do you need to be on guard against pride in these areas?

Reread vs. 18-24. God holds Belshazzar accountable because he did not "humble himself." Practically, what are some ways that you can humble yourself so as not to be guilty of pride?
Wyatt suggested that the answer to pride is to remember the gospel. How can you grow this week in meditating on the truth of who God is and what he has done for you in Christ?
How does humility help us as the followers of Jesus to go share the love of
Christ with the world? How can you adopt a humble posture as you share Jesus with the people around you?
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