



Ezekiel | Week 5  
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**BIG IDEA | Deal with pride, or pride will *DEAL WITH YOU*.**

**Ezekiel 29:1-12 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> On January 7, during the tenth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity, this message came to me from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, turn and face Egypt and prophesy against Pharaoh the king and all the people of Egypt. <sup>3</sup> Give them this message from the Sovereign Lord:

"I am your enemy, O Pharaoh, king of Egypt—  
you great monster, lurking in the streams of the Nile.  
For you have said, 'The Nile River is mine;  
I made it for myself.'

<sup>4</sup> I will put hooks in your jaws  
and drag you out on the land  
with fish sticking to your scales.

<sup>5</sup> I will leave you and all your fish  
stranded in the wilderness to die.

You will lie unburied on the open ground,  
for I have given you as food to the wild animals and birds.

<sup>6</sup> All the people of Egypt will know that I am the Lord,  
for to Israel you were just a staff made of reeds.

<sup>7</sup> When Israel leaned on you,  
you splintered and broke  
and stabbed her in the armpit.

When she put her weight on you,  
you collapsed, and her legs gave way.

<sup>8</sup> “Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will bring an army against you, O Egypt, and destroy both people and animals. <sup>9</sup> The land of Egypt will become a desolate wasteland, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.

“Because you said, ‘The Nile River is mine; I made it,’ <sup>10</sup> I am now the enemy of both you and your river. I will make the land of Egypt a totally desolate wasteland, from Migdol to Aswan, as far south as the border of Ethiopia. <sup>11</sup> For forty years not a soul will pass that way, neither people nor animals. It will be completely uninhabited. <sup>12</sup> I will make Egypt desolate, and it will be surrounded by other desolate nations. Its cities will be empty and desolate for forty years, surrounded by other ruined cities. I will scatter the Egyptians to distant lands.

#### **PRIDE IS:**

- **Difficult to detect**
- **Dangerously destructive**

#### **Proverbs 16:5 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord detests the proud;  
they will surely be punished.

**“Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.”**

**— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity***

***PRIDE*: Elevation of ourselves above others and a denial of our need for God.**

## **THREE TYPES OF PRIDE:**

### **1. "I'm better than you" pride**

#### **Luke 18:14 (NLT)**

<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

### **2. "I can handle it" pride**

#### **Matthew 19:23-24 (NLT)**

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. <sup>24</sup> I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!"

**PRIDE CYCLE: PRIDE ---> SIN ---> SHAME ---> COVER-UP ---> PRIDE**

### **3. "It doesn't apply to me" pride**

#### **1 Peter 5:5b (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> And all of you, *dress yourselves in humility* as you relate to one another, for

"God opposes the proud  
but gives grace to the humble."

#### **Romans 13:14 (NLT)**

<sup>14</sup> Instead, *clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ*. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

#### **Philippians 2:3-11 (NLT)**

<sup>3</sup> Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

<sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

<sup>6</sup> Though he was God,  
he did not think of equality with God  
as something to cling to.

<sup>7</sup> Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;  
he took the humble position of a slave  
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself in obedience to God  
and died a criminal's death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor  
and gave him the name above all other names,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.