



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

Ezekiel 29:1-12 (NLT)

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

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

⁵ 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.

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

⁷ 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.

⁸ “Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will bring an army against you, O Egypt, and destroy both people and animals. ⁹ 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,’ ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For forty years not a soul will pass that way, neither people nor animals. It will be completely uninhabited. ¹² 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)

⁵ 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)

¹⁴ 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)

²³ 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. ²⁴ 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)

⁵ 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)

¹⁴ 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)

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

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

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

⁷ 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,

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

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

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

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