Pride = Downfall

adapted from Justin Raby's message

- Most people think power is a great thing to have. It's actually dangerous. Consider Uzziah. As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper, *2Chr 26:3-5*.

  (Note: "prosper" isn't about getting everything your way. It's about growing closer to God with your focus on Him instead of material things. It means you are able to bear trials with joy.)

- Unfortunately, Uzziah began doing things his prideful way. He didn't drive out the Philistines (picture of sin), *2Chr 26:6-10*. He built cities among them (living in sin).
  - Have you ever struggled with pride?
  - Do you think your way is always the best, or do you ask God what He wants?

- He was so filled with pride that he presumed to burn incense at the altar which was not the role God had given him, *2Chr 26:15-18*.
  - Do you serve God with joy wherever He has placed you or do you overstep your bounds?
  - Do you give God credit for anything you do well?

- What did God do to show Uzziah that He was angry with him, *2Chr 26:19-20*?
  - When you know God is displeased with you, do you confess and return to following Him, *Zech 1:3*?

How to Root Out Pride

1. Value servanthood instead of power, *Mark 10:42-44*.
2. Confess your sin to God, *1John 1:9*.
3. Find life in God's Word, *Isa 55:3*.
4. Seek God with your whole heart for your whole life, *1Chr 28:9*.
5. Don't do things apart from Jesus. The joy of the Lord is your strength, *Neh 8:10*.

Self-Assess: Rooting Out Pride

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true <————>totally true
I would rather serve Jesus than have power.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
When I go against God's Word, I confess to God.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I spend regular time in God's Word and view it as my life instruction manual.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I continue to seek God with my whole heart.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
The joy of the Lord is my strength.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

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