

**“The Giant of Pride”**  
Series: “Conquering Your Giants”  
(Part 4 of 5)

**Discussion Starter:** Which “pride” quote do you like best: a) *Temper gets you into trouble, pride keeps you there*, b) *Pride is an attitude that separates excellence from mediocrity*, c) *No one ever choked to death swallowing their pride*, or d) *It is a beggar’s pride that he is not a thief?*

**Explore:** Read Luke 18:9-14

Jesus often taught Godly principles through short stories called Parables. These short stories took advantage of teachable moments in life. In this parable, you will meet two people who offer prayers to God in very different ways.

1. To whom was Jesus primarily teaching this parable (vs. 9)?
2. What words would you use to describe the Pharisee in the story (vs. 10-12)?
3. What words would you use to describe the tax collector (vs. 13)? In what ways did the man exhibit healthy humility?
4. What was Jesus’ final assessment of the two men (vs. 14)? How much of the Pharisee and the tax collector do you see in yourself?

**Reflect:** Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. On poster board or in a notebook, take time to list differences between pride and humility.
2. The lesson mentioned 7 signs pride might be present in a person’s life. Review the list and share how pride tends to show up in your life.
3. Most of us get into trouble because our view of ourselves is too big and our view of God is too small. In what way was Moses able to balance the two?
4. Read Numbers 20:12. How would you have felt if you heard these words from God? Have you learned a valuable lesson as a result of unchecked pride in your life? If so, and you’re comfortable, share the lesson with the group.
5. Which of the 5 points for killing the giant of pride do you come by most naturally? Which area do you need to work on this week?

**Live:** Take it home.

As a group: Sub-group into gender friendly groups. Self-confidence is not the same as arrogance and pride. In what area do you need to ask for help from your church family? Take time to pray for one another.

On your own: Seriously consider how pride shows itself in your life. If you don’t know, ask a trusted friend to point out potential blind spots in this area.

## Listening Guide Notes

*“I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” –Isaiah 14:14 (NIV)*

**You might have some pride to kill if...**

a. Stubbornness and defensiveness.

b. Arrogance.

c. Argumentative.

*“Pride only breeds quarrels.” –Proverbs 13:10 (NIV)*

d. Critical.

e. Ungrateful.

f. Discontentment and jealousy.

g. Self-conscious.

*“Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.” –Numbers 12:3 (NIV)*

*“God, you save the humble, but you bring low those whose eyes are haughty.” –Psalm 18:27 (NIV)*

*“God mocks the proud mockers but gives grace to the humble.” –Proverbs 3:34 (NIV)*

*“This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit.” –Isaiah 66:2 (NIV)*

<sup>[27]</sup> *“But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>[28]</sup> He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>[29]</sup> so that no one may boast before him.”*  
–1 Corinthians 1:27-29 (NIV)

## To kill the giant of pride ...

### 1. Have an accurate view of yourself.

*“But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’”* –**Exodus 3:11 (NIV)**

*“Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment.”* –**Romans 12:3 (NIV)**

### 2. Get an accurate view of God.

*“God said to Moses, ‘Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’”* –**Exodus 3:15 (NIV)**

### 3. Let others help you.

<sup>[13]</sup> *“The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. <sup>[14]</sup> When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, ‘What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?’ <sup>[15]</sup> Moses answered him, ‘Because the people come to me to seek God’s will. <sup>[16]</sup> Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God’s decrees and laws.’*

<sup>[17]</sup> *Moses’ father-in-law replied, ‘What you are doing is not good.’”*  
–**Exodus 18:13-17 (NIV)**

### 4. Don’t take credit for what God does.

<sup>[10]</sup> *“Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, ‘Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?’ <sup>[11]</sup> Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.”*

–**Numbers 20:10-11 (NIV)**

*“But the LORD said to Moses, ‘Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.’”* –**Numbers 20:12 (NIV)**

## 5. Love people.

*“Moses chose to be mistreated along with the people of God.”*  
–**Hebrews 11:25 (NIV)**

*“Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.”* –**1 Corinthians 8:1 (NIV)**