

TO GO

1. Read Matthew 20:20-28. How does pride blind the two disciples and their mother in this instance? Why is pride such a persuasive and difficult struggle for leaders and followers alike? Why does human arrogance look so foolish next to Jesus?
2. Read Proverbs 3:28-35. What examples of pride does this passage provide and what are its consequences? On the contrary, what are the promises for the humble?
3. Read 1 Peter 5:5. What instructions does Peter give to the "younger"? Why might it be easy to assume that pride is only an issue for leaders?
4. Read 1 Peter 5:6. What does it mean to be humbled under God's mighty hand? How does this ironic promise of exaltation motivate you to adopt a more humble posture before God and others?
5. Read 1 Peter 5:7. How do anxiety and pride relate to each other? How does pride cause anxiety? What does God promise when we cast off pride and allow him to shepherd us as only he can?
6. In what ways do you struggle with pride and arrogance? What can you change about your attitude and/or actions to remedy this? Is there anyone you need to ask for forgiveness? Bring your pride to God today. Ask him for the necessary perspective to be humbled under his mighty hand. Then, make a plan to remedy your pride in whatever ways he reveals.