



ACHILLES

MESSAGE REVIEW

Pride is the thing that can so easily take us down and out. It can be blinding. That's what we see in Saul in 1 Samuel 15. Saul has been so focused on himself that he loses touch with reality. Pride manifests itself in many different ways, and Saul's story shows us that insecurity is one way it can show up in our lives. Let's consider how pride sneaks into our own lives and ask God to replace it with humility by pointing us to our example, Jesus.

WARM UP QUESTION

If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would it be?

1 **Read Proverbs 8:13**. Have you ever thought about what God hates? If so, did pride come to mind? Why do you think pride is included here in a list of things that are evil? Before this message, how did you view pride?

2 Aaron listed several ways pride can affect us. It can make us defensive, stubborn, self-conscious, discontent, critical, argumentative, and self-absorbed. Do any of these stand out to you as being particularly challenging in your life? Identify one or two that you want to pay attention to this week and share as a group. Pray that God would reveal the motives of your heart and humble you in those moments to look more like Jesus.

3 **Read 1 Samuel 9:21**. Describe Saul's view of himself. Now, **read 1 Samuel 15:12**. What do you think has caused Saul to become blinded by his own arrogance and pride?

4 Take a look at **1 Samuel 15:24**. Now we get to see the root of his pride- insecurity and fear of what others will think about him. How often do you worry about what others think of you? How might that lead you to react in some of the ways listed in question #2 above? What does God desire we focus on more than the opinions of other people? **Read 1 Peter 2:9** for just one example of what God says is true of us.

5 **Read Philippians 2:1-11**. What does it look like to value others above ourselves? In your life, how can you look first at the interests of others? Think about the people closest to you. Jesus is our example and verse 7 shows us that he humbled himself and took on the nature of a servant. Instead of "what do people think of me?" think about this question: "Who can I serve and encourage this week?"

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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