

## Single & Single-Again TUES NITES Meal, Message & Mixer

### Compromise/Pride

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Compromise: it starts with a little step; how your conscience becomes desensitized to sin; you start defending your choices; how it goes hand in hand with a refusal to take responsibility; and how it blocks our spiritual potential.

#### Some Reasons:

Fear of Rejection

Fear of Conflict

Fear of Loneliness

Financial Reasons

#### Consequences

We lose our fellowship with God; We become desperate for more of whatever tempts us; we're never satisfied; When we Compromise our beliefs, for whatever reason, those around us lose respect for us and for our message.

#### PRIDE:

**PRIDE, CONCEIT, SELF-ESTEEM, EGOTISM, VANITY, VAINGLORY** imply an unduly favorable idea of one's own A \_\_\_\_\_, Advantages, Achievements, etc., and often apply to offensive characteristics.

P \_\_\_\_\_ is a lofty and often arrogant assumption of superiority in some respect:

C \_\_\_\_\_ implies an exaggerated estimate of one's own abilities or attainments, together with pride: *blinded by conceit*.

S \_\_\_\_\_-E \_\_\_\_\_ may imply an estimate of oneself that is higher than that held by others: *a ridiculous self-esteem*.

E \_\_\_\_\_ implies an excessive preoccupation with oneself or with one's own concerns, usually but not always accompanied by pride or conceit:

V \_\_\_\_\_ implies self-admiration and an excessive desire to be admired by others:

V \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ somewhat literary, implies an inordinate and therefore empty or unjustified pride:

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#### **Problem of Pride:**

1 Sam 13: 1-14

1 Sam 9:2

1 Sam 10: 6-7

Our Father treats us in a similar way—He's C \_\_\_\_\_ us to belong to His F \_\_\_\_\_. He has a P \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives and special work for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).

The H \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ dwells within us so He can guide and empower us to carry out divine plans. Our part is to O \_\_\_\_\_.

**Our Father wants us to deal with our pride by humbling ourselves before Him, confessing our sin, and seeking His help in overcoming it.**

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#### **How do we handle our Pride:**

1 Sam 24: 1-22

1 Sam 15:15

If self-centeredness C \_\_\_\_\_ our T \_\_\_\_\_, we'll seek ways around divine commands to serve ourselves. When caught, we may try to justify our disobedience, as Saul did.

To prevent prideful behavior, we must R \_\_\_\_\_ to act independently of the Lord. Like David, we should handle self-centeredness by T \_\_\_\_\_ to God in confession.

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#### Discussion Questions:

**Has there been a situation in your life where you know Pride has gotten in the way? If so, what was it? What did you learn from that? What could have you done differently if Pride wasn't in the way?**

When we sometimes fail at something or fall short, we let our Pride get in the way. How would you like to be different in this area? What would it take to change?

**How has God Humbled you lately? How did that feel?**

Where do you think you struggle the most, Pride or being Humble?

#### HELPFUL TIPS for Great Table Discussions

**Each table should have a designated Table Host.**

#### Use God's ear-to-mouth ratio:

Listen two times more than you speak. 1 or 2 people should not dominate the time, and EVERYONE should contribute during the discussion.

- 1. Smile and be friendly.**  
Avoid excessive complaining about people or personal problems.
- 2. God's grace rules the day**  
Recognize that everyone will not always agree – be gracious and give grace to one another. People are at different places in their spiritual walk and in their life journey.
- 3. Moving the discussion along.**  
Table host/facilitators are to move the discussion along. They have permission to limit any negative comments, to invite people to answer a question, to ask someone for their perspective, to limit the amount of time some people speak, and to move on to the next question.
- 4. Help for the hurting:**  
This is a supportive group, but it is not a support group or a therapy session. But if someone is really hurting, take a moment and have someone in the group specifically pray for them.