

“BRACE YOURSELF LIKE A MAN...”

GOD KNOWS EXACTLY WHO HE IS!

JOB 40:8-14 NLT “Will you discredit my justice and condemn me just to prove you are right? ⁽⁹⁾ Are you as strong as God? Can you thunder with a voice like his? ⁽¹⁰⁾ All right, put on your glory and splendor, your honor and majesty. ⁽¹¹⁾ Give vent to your anger. Let it overflow against the proud. ⁽¹²⁾ Humiliate the proud with a glance; walk on the wicked where they stand. ⁽¹³⁾ Bury them in the dust. Imprison them in the world of the dead. ⁽¹⁴⁾ Then even I would praise you, for your own strength would save you.”

GOD KNOWS EXACTLY WHO THE PROUD ARE! (And He doesn't like them!)

JOB 40:11 NLT Give vent to your anger. Let it overflow against the proud.

PROVERBS 16:5 NLT The LORD detests the proud; they will surely be punished.

JAMES 4:6 NLT And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

LUKE 1:49-52 NLT For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. ⁽⁵⁰⁾ He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. ⁽⁵¹⁾ His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. ⁽⁵²⁾ He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble.

GOD KNOWS EXACTLY WHO THE HUMBLE ARE! (And He likes them!)

2 SAMUEL 22:28 NLT You rescue the humble, but your eyes watch the proud and humiliate them.

PSALMS 69:32 NLT The humble will see their God at work and be glad. Let all who seek God's help be encouraged.

PSALMS 25:8-10 NLT The LORD is good and does what is right; he shows the proper path to those who go astray. ⁽⁹⁾ He leads the humble in doing right, teaching them his way. ⁽¹⁰⁾ The LORD leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.

GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What are some areas in your life where you see pride in your life?
2. What would it take for you to give up control over your life?
3. How have you experienced humility, and did you see resulting blessings?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE:

1. Memorize: **JAMES 4:6 NLT** And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”
2. Pray for a humble heart and attitude.

