

## Hope Chapel Series - *Living Beyond Our Setbacks*, part 4

**Message Summary:** Pride is a tremendous barrier to our lives. It just may be the single most toxic quality that hinders us. **Good pride** is the feelings of achievement and satisfaction. Celebrating the accomplishments of goals for yourself and others. **Bad pride** doesn't build others up. It tears others down. It is a self-oriented / self-focused way to live. It's what we see in our society today. There is an obsession with self – my feelings – my opinions – my truth – my way – and there is an intolerance to anything that would threaten self. This type of pride is destructive. It is this type of pride the Bible tells us to avoid.

# Living Beyond Pride

## 1. We all struggle with pride.

**A. Pride in our relationship with God.**

**B. Pride in our relationships with others**

## 2. Taking steps beyond our pride

**A. Admit your struggle with pride.** Psalm 32:2

**B. Ask for God's help.** Psalm 109:26

**C. Grow in self-awareness.** Matthew 13:12

**D. Confess to God and others.** James 5:16

**E. Embrace humility daily.** James 4:6,10

**F. Put yourself in community.** 1 Thessalonians 5:11

### LifeGroup Questions:

**BEGIN IT** – (5min) Praise song and opening prayer.

**OPEN IT**- (10min) If you had a chance to live life over again, how would you want your relationship with others to be different?

**EXPLORE IT**- (60min) Follow Sunday's sermon outline together and add addition notes people made about the message.

1. Why is pride so toxic and destructive? How have you seen the negative consequences of pride in your own life? Explain.
2. How does pride create barriers in our relationship with God and one another person?
3. There were six steps given to move beyond our pride. Discuss each one with the Scriptures provided. Which ones seem the most difficult to do? Why do you think that is?

**APPLY IT**- (15min) What steps are you going to take to move beyond your pride?