

**PART 4: Looking For Love In
All The Wrong Places**

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START

When it comes to guarding our hearts, there is no greater threat than pride. Pride convinces us that we have all the answers, we are entitled to certain things or treatment, and we know what's best. Pride can cloud our judgment and distort our hearts quicker than anything else.

- Where have you seen pride exhibited in someone's life?
- How has your pride shaped your heart?
- How can pride increase a relational gap between you and God?

READ

[Judges 16:28](#) (NIV)

Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "Sovereign LORD, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes."

THINK

Samson allowed his pride to get the best of him. It influenced how he handled conflict, relationships, and his enemies. Eventually his pride led to his downfall.

- How can pride destroy relationships?
- What can you do to prevent pride from taking over in your heart?

As Samson was brought before the Philistine's he cried out to God one more time to give him strength. And despite Samson's pride, arrogance, and his actions in the past, God still chose to use Samson to display His glory and might.

- What has happened in your life that has made you think God cannot use you?
- How has God used you despite your past?
- How can you be sure God is still listening in a bad circumstance?

PRAY

"God, even when life is crashing in on me, help to know you are still listening and are ready to give me strength."

ACT

This week, check your pride. When you feel entitled to something, or have a feeling of superiority, remember that God calls us to humility and do not allow pride to shape your heart.

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