Series: Starting Line-Gospel of Mark Message: After the Mountaintop

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An invitation to the <u>inside story</u>.

Mark 9:2-13

We live in a <u>battlefield</u> not a mountaintop.

Mark 9:14-29

The <u>center of the universe</u> syndrome. Mark 9:33-37

- · Jesus doesn't kill our ambition, he refocuses it.
- Don't try to be the best "you" that you can be; try to be the best imitation of Christ you can be.
- The closer we get to Jesus, the more His power and <u>life</u> flows through us.

NEXT STEPS

MY STORY

Humility is incredibly important if we're going to deal with our self-focus and self-reliance. One definition of humility is having an accurate view of ourselves - including our strengths, weaknesses and limitations. Is there one person who has modeled this sort of humility for you?

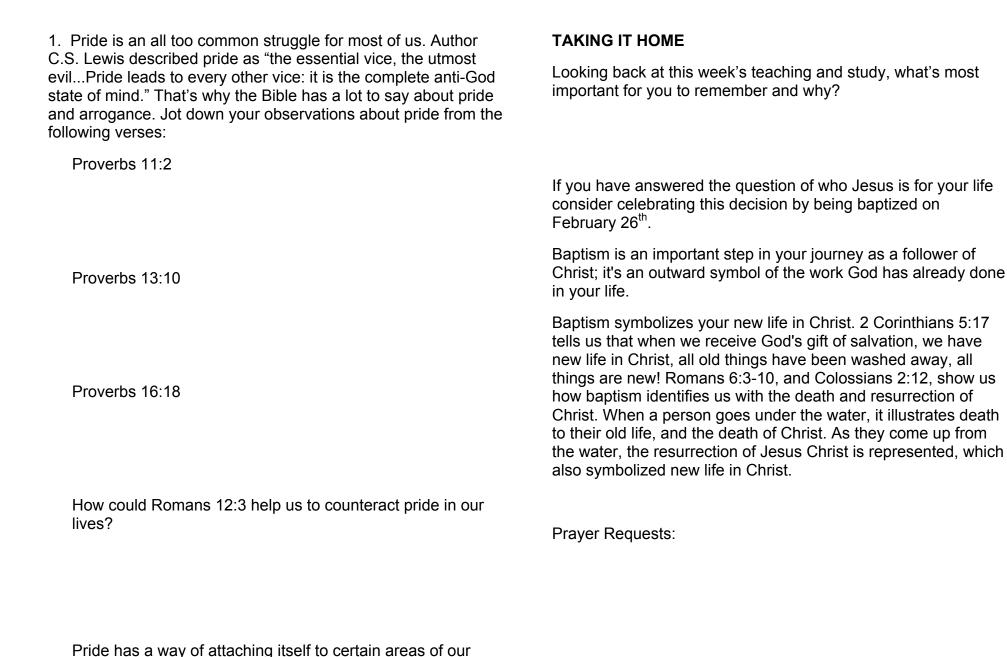
If so, how did you see humility demonstrated in their life?

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In Mark 9 God's voice is heard for a second time in Mark's Gospel, the first being in 1:11. What purposes are accomplished by God's affirmation here?

The statement in verse 7, "Listen to him!" alludes to Deuteronomy 18: 12-22

Explain how we can listen to Jesus today.



lives like our image, possessions, strengths and position. In what ways have you dealt with pride in these or other areas

of your life?