

## The Problem of Pain and Pride – Uzziah 2 Chronicles 26

*“He did right in the sight of the LORD according to all that his father Amaziah had done.”* 2 Chronicles 26:4  
*“You said, ‘Behold, you (Amaziah) have defeated Edom.’ And your heart has become proud in boasting...”*  
2 Chronicles 25:19

### **Pride results when we build our lives on a false value system.** 2 Chronicles 26:6-15

Action: Admit when your life gains value from the following areas:

- Power: What I control in my life gives me value
- Position: What I have achieved in life gives me value
- Prestige: How others view me gives me value
- Possessions: What I own gives me value

### **Acknowledge and take responsibility for how pride corrupts my relationships.**

2 Chronicles 26:16-19

*“But when he became strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly, and he was unfaithful to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.”*

“corrupt” =

- Pride corrupts my relationship and worship with God. Isaiah 6  
*“...he was unfaithful to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.”* (v.16)
- Pride corrupts my relationship with others because of my anger against them.  
*“But Uzziah, with a censer in his hand for burning incense, was enraged; and while he was enraged with the priest...”* (v.19)

Enraged =

1 Timothy 3:6; Proverbs 28:25; Ephesians 4:26, 27; Ezekiel 28:11-20

### **Be open to God’s divine discipline to humble our hearts before Him.**

2 Chronicles 26:20-23

*“King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death; and he lived in a separate house, being a leper, for he was cut off from the house of the LORD.”*

## DIGGING DEEPER:

Uzziah had a successful reign as king until the end. He did not finish well. His undoing was pride.

Take the time to read and reflect on the following scriptures. Write down what you learn about the source of pride and the results of pride. Where do you see application for your life? Use this as a personal study to learn how you may deal with pride and help others as well. One of the main problems with pride is the inability of proud people to admit their own problem with pride.

## LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

**Psalms 31:18** *“Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly against the righteous.”*

**Proverbs 13:10** *“Through presumption comes nothing but strife, But with those who receive counsel is wisdom.”*

**Proverbs 10:10** *“Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.”*

**Proverbs 28:25** *“An arrogant man stirs up strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will prosper.”*

### **Psalm 10:2-8**

<sup>2</sup> *In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises.*

<sup>3</sup> *He boasts of the cravings of his heart; he blesses the greedy and reviles the LORD.*

<sup>4</sup> *In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.*

<sup>5</sup> *His ways are always prosperous; he is haughty and your laws are far from him; he sneers at all his enemies.*

<sup>6</sup> *He says to himself, “Nothing will shake me; I’ll always be happy and never have trouble.”*

<sup>7</sup> *His mouth is full of curses and lies and threats; trouble and evil are under his tongue.*

<sup>8</sup> *He lies in wait near the villages; from ambush he murders the innocent, watching in secret for his victims.*

**1 Peter 5:5-7** *“All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”*

## NEXT STEPS:

1. **Join a LifeGroup for encouragement and spiritual growth.** LifeGroups are the primary place, beyond Sunday worship, where we actively engage in the life and purpose of our church: to connect, grow, and reach. LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to CONNECT in a smaller setting, GROW together in our faith, and REACH out together to our community. Learn more at the Connection Point in the Lobby or visit [calvarylife.org/lifegroups](http://calvarylife.org/lifegroups)
2. **Learn how to live humbly by being mentored by another Christian.** One-on-one mentoring and discipleship is a great resource for growing in your faith. Discipleship is the lifelong process of accepting God’s invitation to grow up – to mature and become like Jesus. Following Jesus is a process and a journey, as Jesus makes your heart, attitude, behavior, mind and relationships like His. Learn more at [calvarylife.org/discipleship](http://calvarylife.org/discipleship)
3. **Attend the upcoming Discover Jesus class.** This class used the 9-week “Following Jesus” curriculum to help you discover how to live and love like Jesus. Come grow in your faith by journeying through the foundational elements of discipleship. If you’re a new follower of Jesus, or want to become more grounded in the basics of Christianity, this is perfect for you! Learn more at [calvarylife.org/discoverjesus](http://calvarylife.org/discoverjesus)

