

**Common Ground 2020 - “Different is Good” - The Book of Daniel**  
**Week 4 “Humble yourself, or God will.”**

**Daniel 4**

Daily Devotion Sermon Questions

1. Begin by defining pride in your own words. Did Daniel Chapter 4 and Pastor Dave’s sermon make you more aware of your prideful nature? Which of the areas of pride that Pastor Dave shared (comparing ourselves to others, finding it hard to celebrate other’s successes, being bothered when we get ignored or not chosen, getting embarrassed when we fail, and getting defensive when corrected) did you identify most with? What are some steps you have taken (or will) to address those areas?
2. **Read Daniel 4:28-30.** Do you see yourself in King Nebuchadnezzar’s behaviors, earthly desires and false Gods? Do you gaze over “your kingdom” regularly? As Tim Keller asks in Counterfeit Gods have you put things out of order in your life and put the creation before the creator? Have they become your idols? Share with your group, some idols that you have identified in your life. How do these idols impact your life, actions, and your relationship with God?
3. CS Lewis states that *the essence of pride is competition*. Do you compete or compare yourself with neighbor’s homes, cars, kid’s achievements etc.? Where do you find yourself most likely to struggle with competition? On the flip side, discuss with your group, what a healthy pride is? What are some ways you can express healthy pride in a Godly way?
4. CS Lewis says, “*Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.*” How does living with humility affect us personally? How does it affect others? ? What about our relationship with God? How can you nurture humility in your life?
5. Here are Pastor Dave’s “**Two Big Lessons to be Learned**” from this week’s message. Share with your group how you will apply these lessons going forward?
  - ***Trust God to humble others***
  - ***Allow God to humble you***

End your group time in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit’s help in making any necessary changes and for patience as you make progress.