Series: Embracing and Employing Our Emotions

“Those Feelings of Pride”

1 Peter 5:5-7

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Introduction:
A. Pride is a complicated emotion that can be very _____ or extremely ______.
B. God has created us with the capacity to feel the emotion of pride so that we can benefit from ______ pride and avoid the destructive nature of ______ pride.
C. Good pride is a feeling of a reasonable or a justifiable __________.
D. Good pride is a desire to do our ________, to work hard and to take _______ in our work.
E. Here are a few biblical examples where good pride is discussed in a ________ light: Ecclesiastes 3:22; 2 Corinthians 5:12; 7:4; and Galatians 6:4.
F. Sinful pride is self-centered and __________. and makes us take ________ for everything we are and everything we do. (Ezekiel 28:2)
G. Throughout the Bible, we see this fundamental principle repeated: “God __________ the ________, but gives ________ to the ________. (Pr. 16:18; 3:34; Isaiah 13:11; 1 Peter 5:5b-6)

I. The first example in the Bible of God opposing the proud is the example of ______ (Genesis 3).

II. In Acts, we see the short story of how feelings of pride destroyed King _________.

III. The clearest example of all is the story of King ______________. (Daniel 4)

IV. The final example is the story of the __________ and the ______ __________. (Luke 18)

Conclusion:
A. I trust that all of us want to feel ______ and ______ pride, but all of us want to avoid developing feelings of ______ pride.
B. Two lessons become very clear:
   1. God will go to great lengths to show us that He is ________.
   2. God’s purpose in dealing with our pride is for our ______ and His ________.
C. The cure for sinful pride and its effects is __________ which leads to good pride.
   1. It recognizes that what I am and what I can be is by the ________ of God.
   2. It’s not about low self-esteem, but a right, ______________ esteem.
D. Rules for a kid’s clubhouse:
   #1 - Nobody act ______. #2 - Nobody act ______. #3 - Everybody act ______