

Dangerous Prayers: “Humble Me”

(Daniel 4:28-37 & James 4:6)

1. Prior to hearing the message on Sunday, how might you have defined ‘humility’ or described what humility looks like?
2. CS Lewis said, ‘Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.’ How does this definition challenge or affirm the answer you gave above?
3. Who is the humblest public figure you can think of? Without engaging in party politics, you may want to think about leaders of countries or those who are significantly influencing culture.
4. Tim Keller says, “The humble are kind and gentle, but also brave and fearless. If you are to be humble, you cannot have one without the other.” Do you see these seemingly incompatible character traits in those discussed above?
5. Share what you know about the story of Daniel. How did he demonstrate humility?
6. As you read the story of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4, what challenges you or strikes you afresh about the text? How is his pride on display? Can you see even glimpses of yourself in this story? What might cause you to be proud, recognising that pride promotes self, whilst demoting God and others.
7. Chris spoke about ‘bold humility’. How do we avoid the traps of false-humility and pride? What should we be ‘bold’ about? How does humility act as a counterbalance to the trap of becoming obnoxious or boastful in our desire to be bold for Jesus?
8. What are the consequences of pride in Nebuchadnezzar’s life? What have you experienced the consequences of pride to be in your own life?
9. What steps did Nebuchadnezzar take to overcome his pride? How important is a proper perspective of humanities place in the world vs God’s place? Would a proper perspective have avoided the negative situation(s) described in 8.?
10. What stories from the life of Jesus reflect his bold humility? As you share the stories, identify at least one step that you want to take to become more like him.