

# COURAGEOUS

10 STRATEGIES for THRIVING  
in a HOSTILE WORLD

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## Group Discovery Questions

### **SURVIVAL TIP #7: BEWARE OF CELEBRATING THE SUMMIT**

1. In your own words, describe the danger of “celebrating the summit.”
2. Have you (or someone you know) ever allowed your dreams to consume you and distract you from what is truly important? Describe the situation. What was the result?
3. How would you define *pride*?
4. Read Proverbs 16:18. What do you learn from this verse about the danger of pride?
5. Do you have a place in your home where you keep trophies, certificates, and awards? Based on what you learned in this chapter, is it okay to celebrate these summit experiences? At what point could such celebrations become harmful to our relationship with Jesus Christ?
6. Read Matthew 22:39 and 2 Timothy 3:2-4. What is the difference between healthy self-respect and self-love (pride)?
7. According to the author, “At its root, pride is about power. After all, if you don’t believe that you answer to God or others, then nothing stands in your way.” Give some examples from history or today’s headlines of prideful people who became so blinded by power that they believed themselves to be above the law.
8. How would you define *humility*?
9. What is the difference between pride and humility?

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## Personal Application Questions

### **SURVIVAL TIP #7: BEWARE OF CELEBRATING THE SUMMIT**

1. Read James 4:6 and Proverbs 8:13. Why does God hate pride?
2. Consider this statement: “There is a strong link between pride, ingratitude, and seeking independence from God.” Do you agree or disagree? Support your answer with your own experience or someone you have observed.
3. Read Matthew 20:28. What was Jesus’s attitude toward the power He possessed as the Son of God?
4. Are you struggling in your Christian life? Do you feel as if you ought to pray more, read the Bible more, and be a better Christian? Read Matthew 5:3. What hope can you take from this promise from Jesus?
5. Why is humility necessary for a person to receive forgiveness and salvation?
6. Is it possible to be both humble and strong? Why or why not?
7. What do you think it means to “die to yourself”? Give some examples of what “dying to yourself” would look like in your everyday life.
8. How does Numbers 12:3 describe Moses? What did you learn in this chapter about how Moses demonstrated humility as a leader?
9. Do you think pride may be keeping you from receiving the help you need from God and others? Read James 4:10. Then confess to God in prayer any pride that may be hindering you.