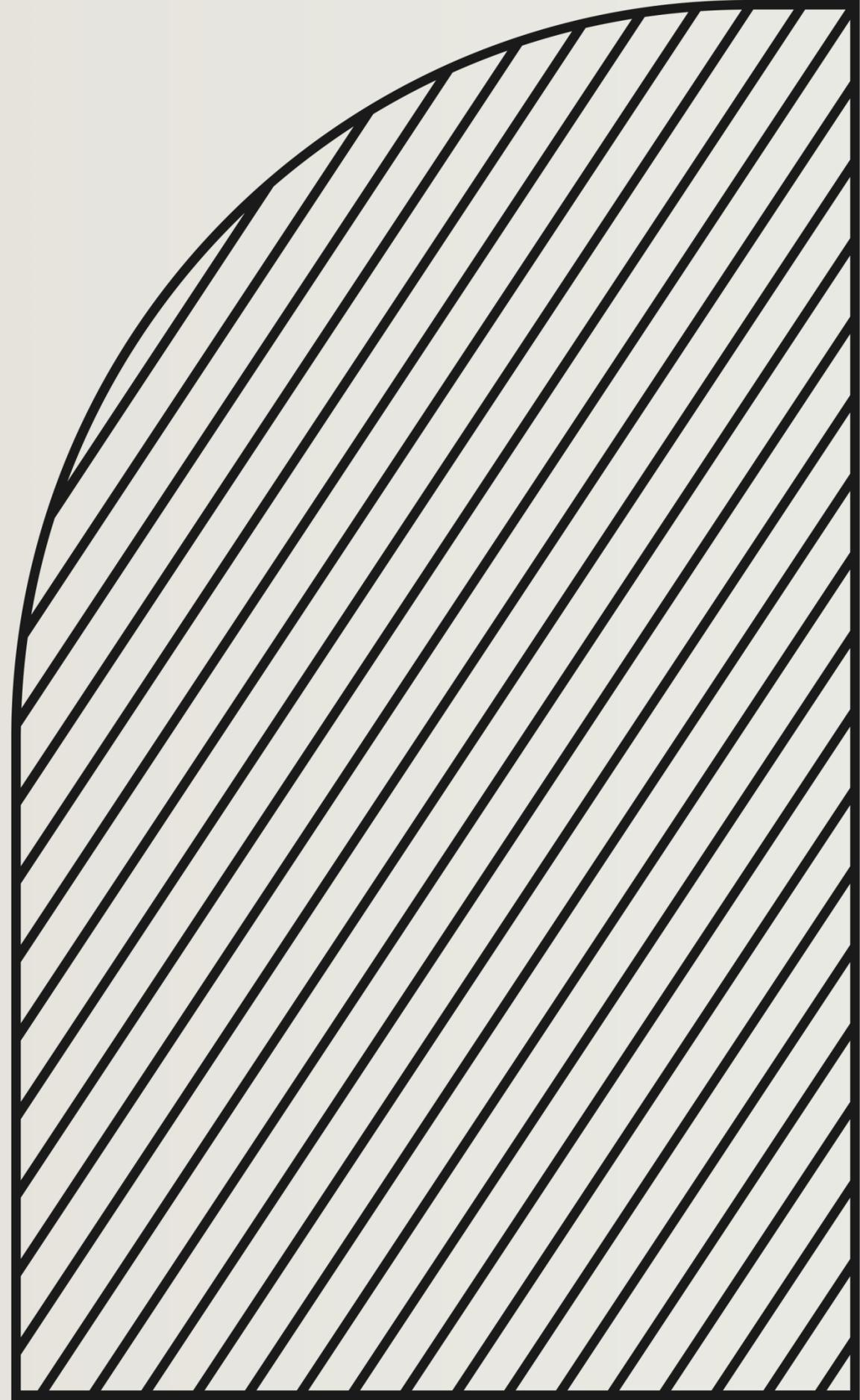


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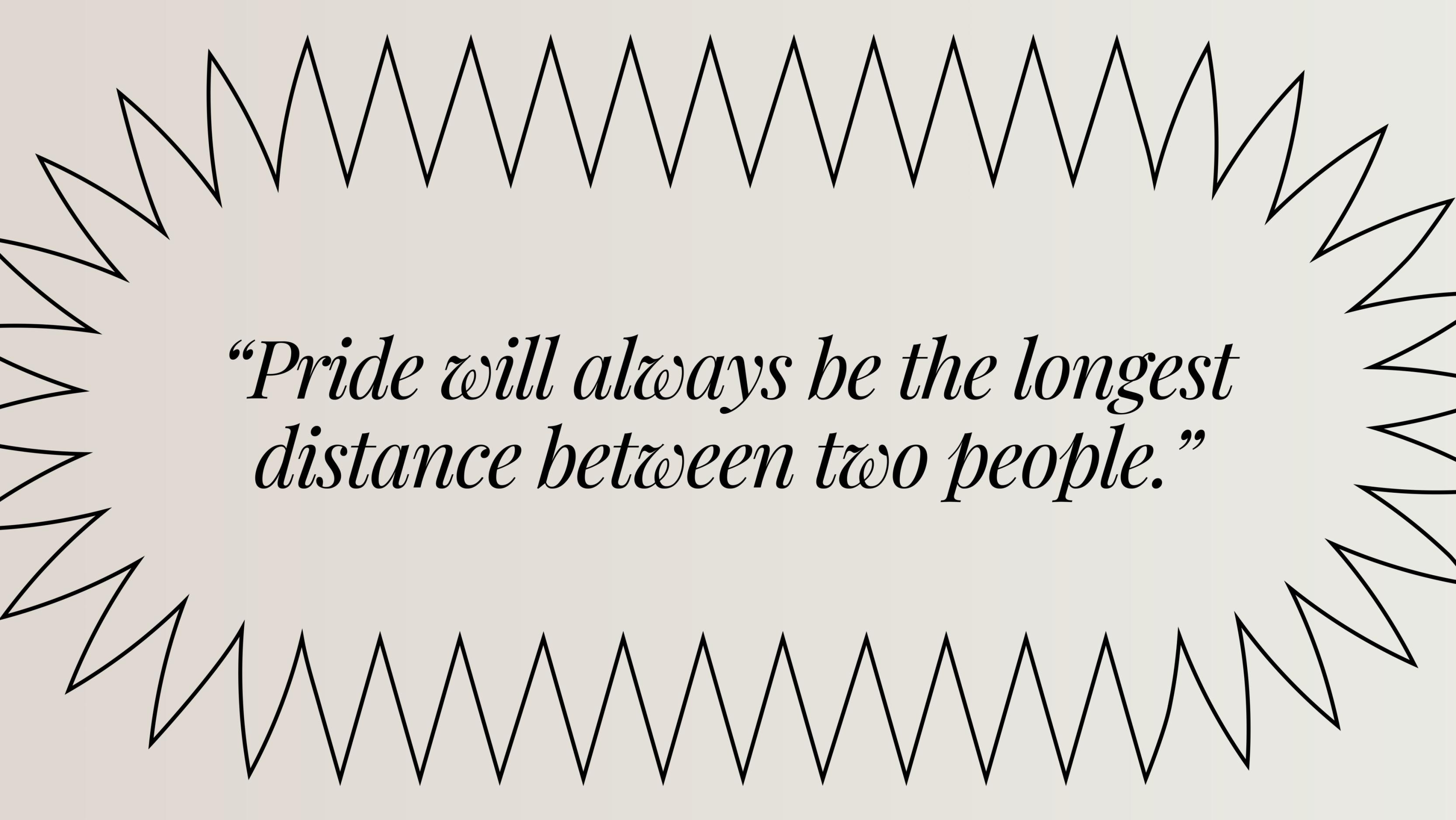
*The Pitfalls
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FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE:

1 Timothy 3:1-5

I TIMOTHY 3:1-5, BUT KNOW THIS, THAT IN THE LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES WILL COME: FOR MEN WILL BE LOVERS OF THEMSELVES, LOVERS OF MONEY, BOASTERS, PROUD, BLASPHEMERS, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, UNTHANKFUL, UNHOLY, UNLOVING, UNFORGIVING, SLANDERERS, WITHOUT SELF-CONTROL, BRUTAL, DESPISERS OF GOOD, TRAITORS, HEADSTRONG, HAUGHTY, LOVERS OF PLEASURE RATHER THAN LOVERS OF GOD, HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS BUT DENYING ITS POWER. AND FROM SUCH PEOPLE TURN AWAY!

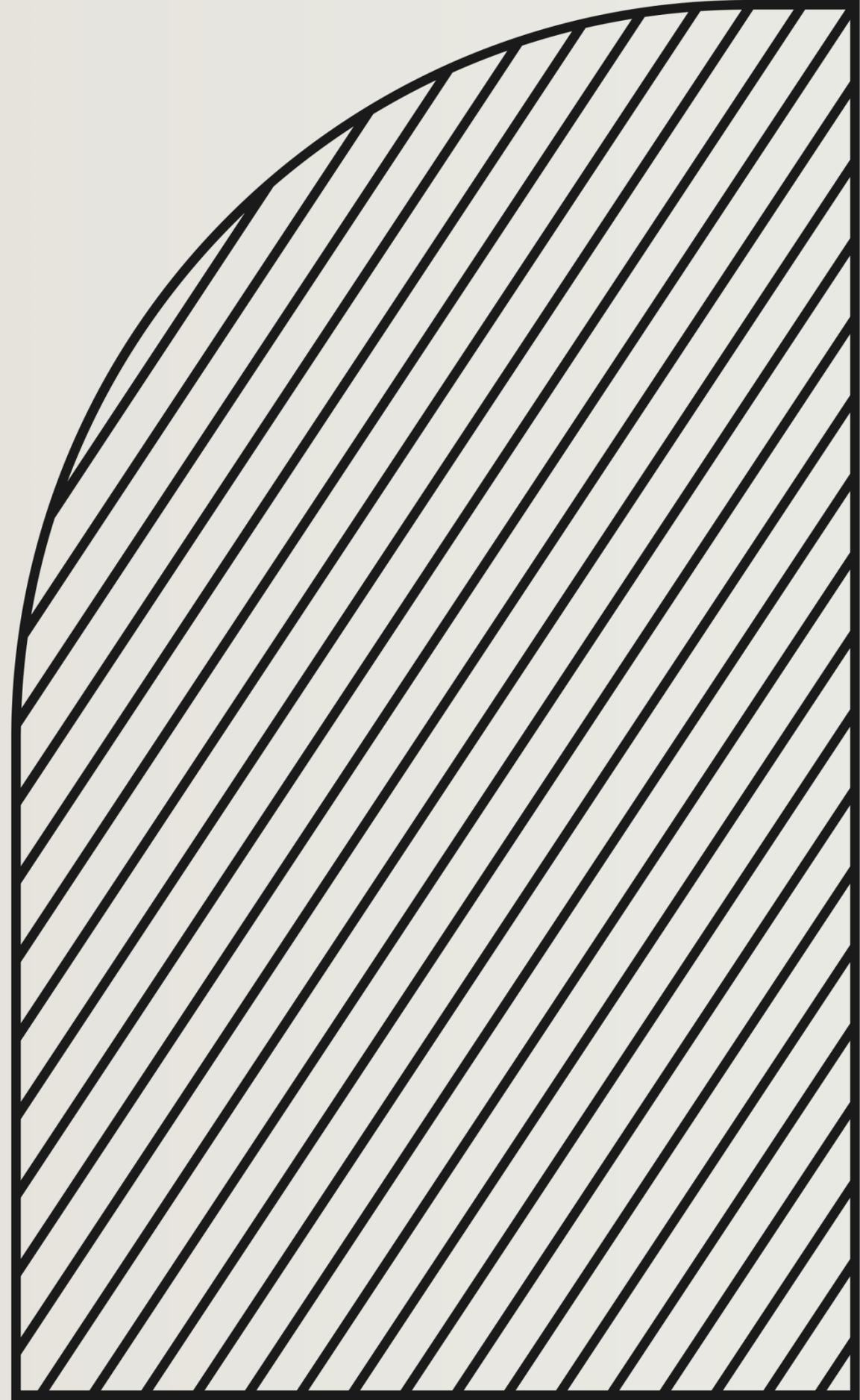


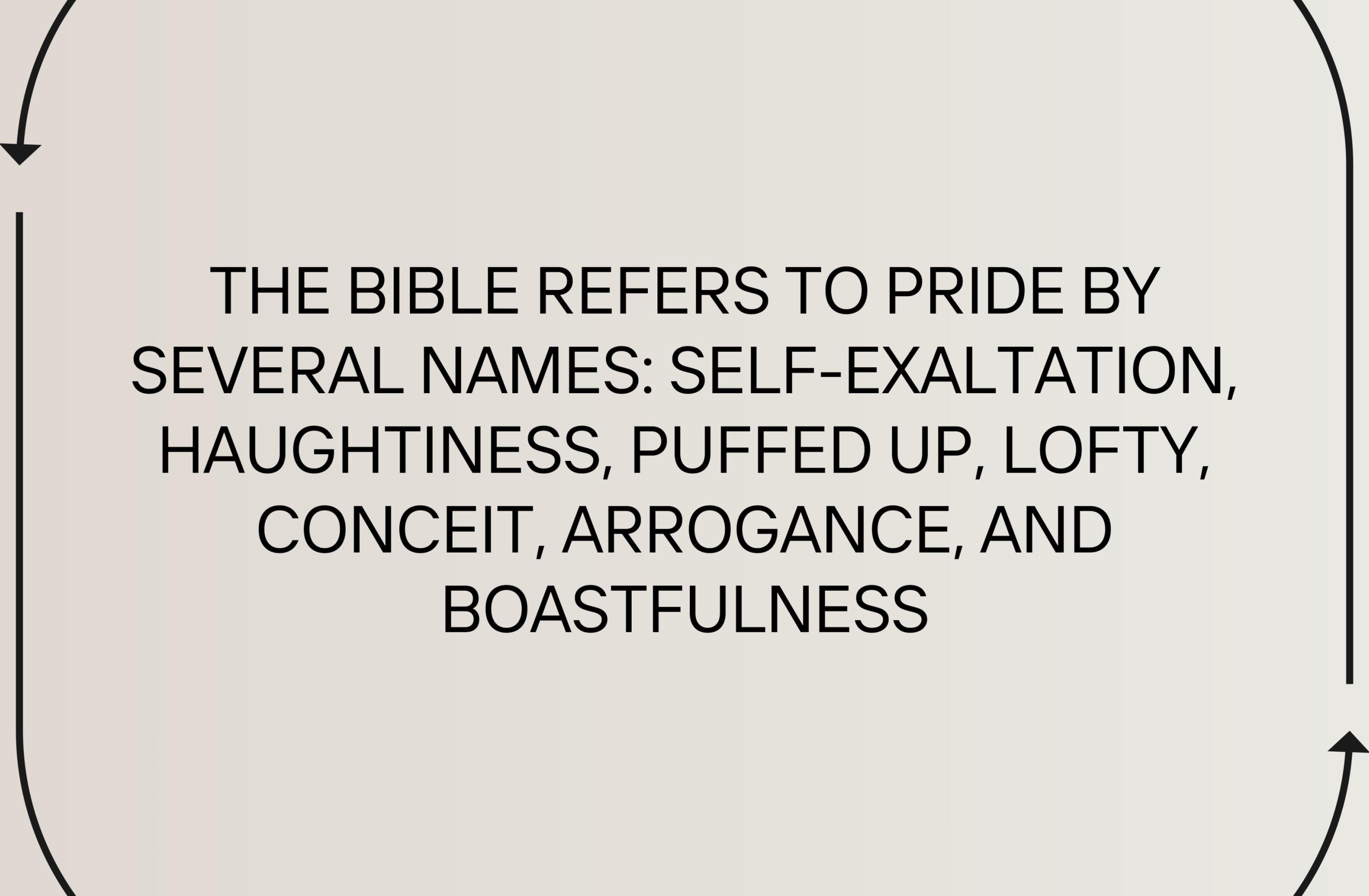
“Pride will always be the longest distance between two people.”

Pride is simply refusing to see yourself as God sees you. It is a hindrance from seeing Him.

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THE BIBLE REFERS TO PRIDE BY
SEVERAL NAMES: SELF-EXALTATION,
HAUGHTINESS, PUFFED UP, LOFTY,
CONCEIT, ARROGANCE, AND
BOASTFULNESS

THE 'BIBLICAL' DEFINITION OF PRIDE IS
ELEVATING ONE'S OPINIONS AND
THOUGHTS ABOVE GOD'S
AUTHORITATIVE WORD- RELYING ON
OUR OWN STRENGTHS AND WISDOM
TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

*Proverbs 16:5, Every one that
is proud in heart is an
abomination to the Lord.*

*Proverbs 16:18–19, Pride goes before
destruction, and a haughty spirit
before a fall. Better it is to be of a
humble spirit with the lowly, than
to divide the spoil with the proud.*

*Psalm 10:4, The wicked, through
the pride of his countenance,
will not seek after God: God is
not in all his thoughts.*



THREE BIBLE STORIES SUMMARIES ABOUT PRIDE:

1. Tower of Babel

GENESIS 11:1-9

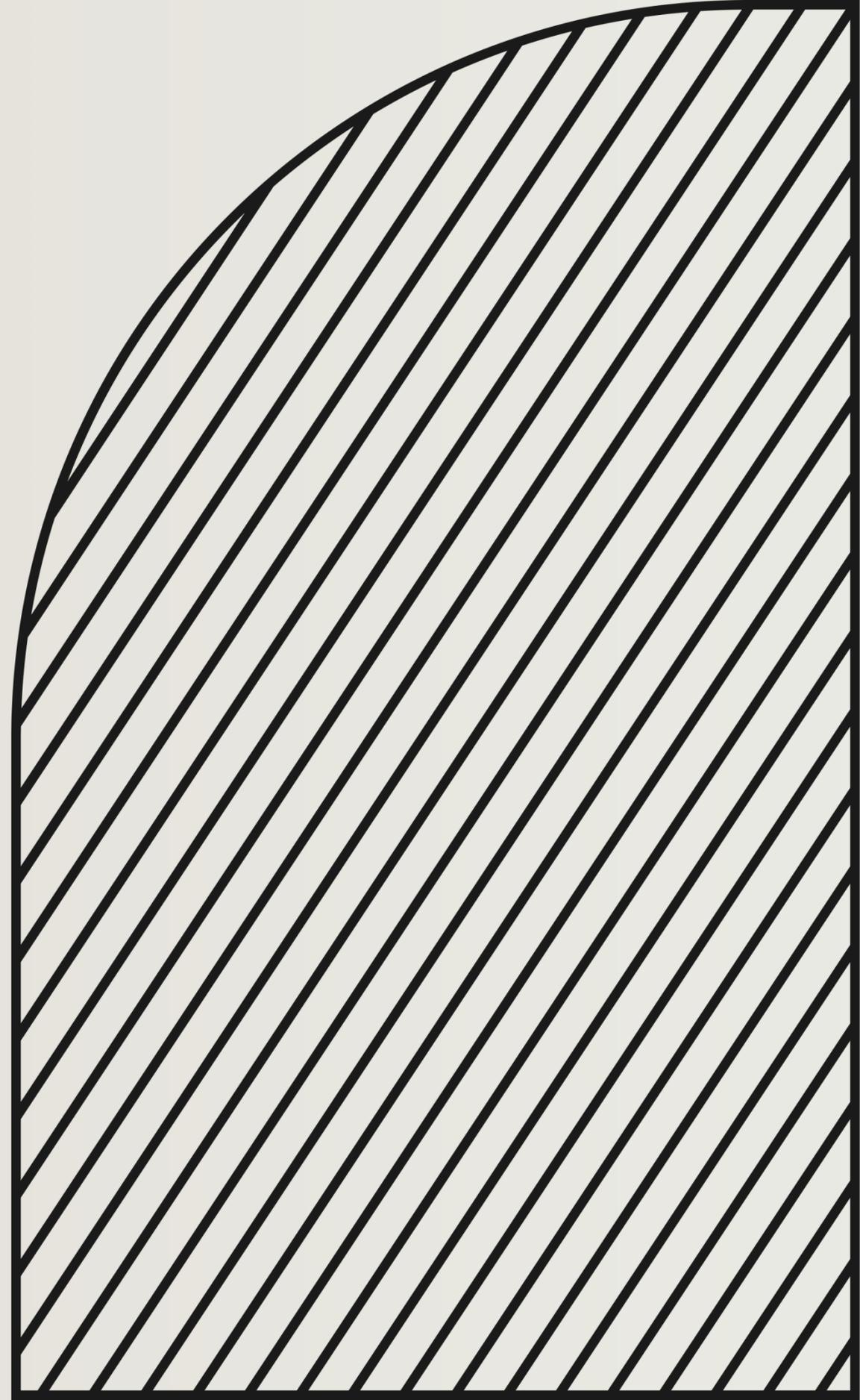
2. Pharaoh

EXODUS 5:2

3. Naaman

II KINGS 5:1-14

*Five Pitfalls
of Pride:*



*1. Pride Destroys Your
Spiritual Life.*

*Proverbs 29:23, A person's pride
will humiliate him, but a humble
spirit gains honor.*

MALACHI 4:1, CERTAINLY THE DAY IS COMING! IT WILL BURN LIKE A FURNACE. ALL ARROGANT PEOPLE AND ALL EVILDOERS WILL BE [LIKE] STRAW. THE DAY THAT IS COMING WILL BURN THEM DOWN COMPLETELY," SAYS THE LORD OF ARMIES. "IT WON'T LEAVE A SINGLE ROOT OR BRANCH.

*2. Pride Hinders
Growth.*

*3. Pride Destroys
Relationships.*

*4. Pride is the Sin that
Pays Tribute to Self.*

*5. Pride Reveals Your
Insecurities.*

“The collision between the glory of God and the pride of man has two possible crash sites: hell, or the cross.”

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS:

1. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE A PRIDEFUL PERSON?
2. WHAT ARE OTHER NAMES FOR A PROUD PERSON?
3. CAN YOU GIVE A BIBLICAL EXAMPLE OF PRIDE?
4. IN WHAT WAY DOES PRIDE HINDER OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH?
5. NAME AND EXPLAIN THE FIVE PITFALLS OF PRIDE.
6. PRIDE MAKES YOU RESENTFUL WHEN CORRECTED. HOW SO?
7. HOW CAN YOU APPLY THIS LESSON TO YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH?