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LESSON 2 :

PRIDE: A HINDRANCE FROM SEEKING GOD

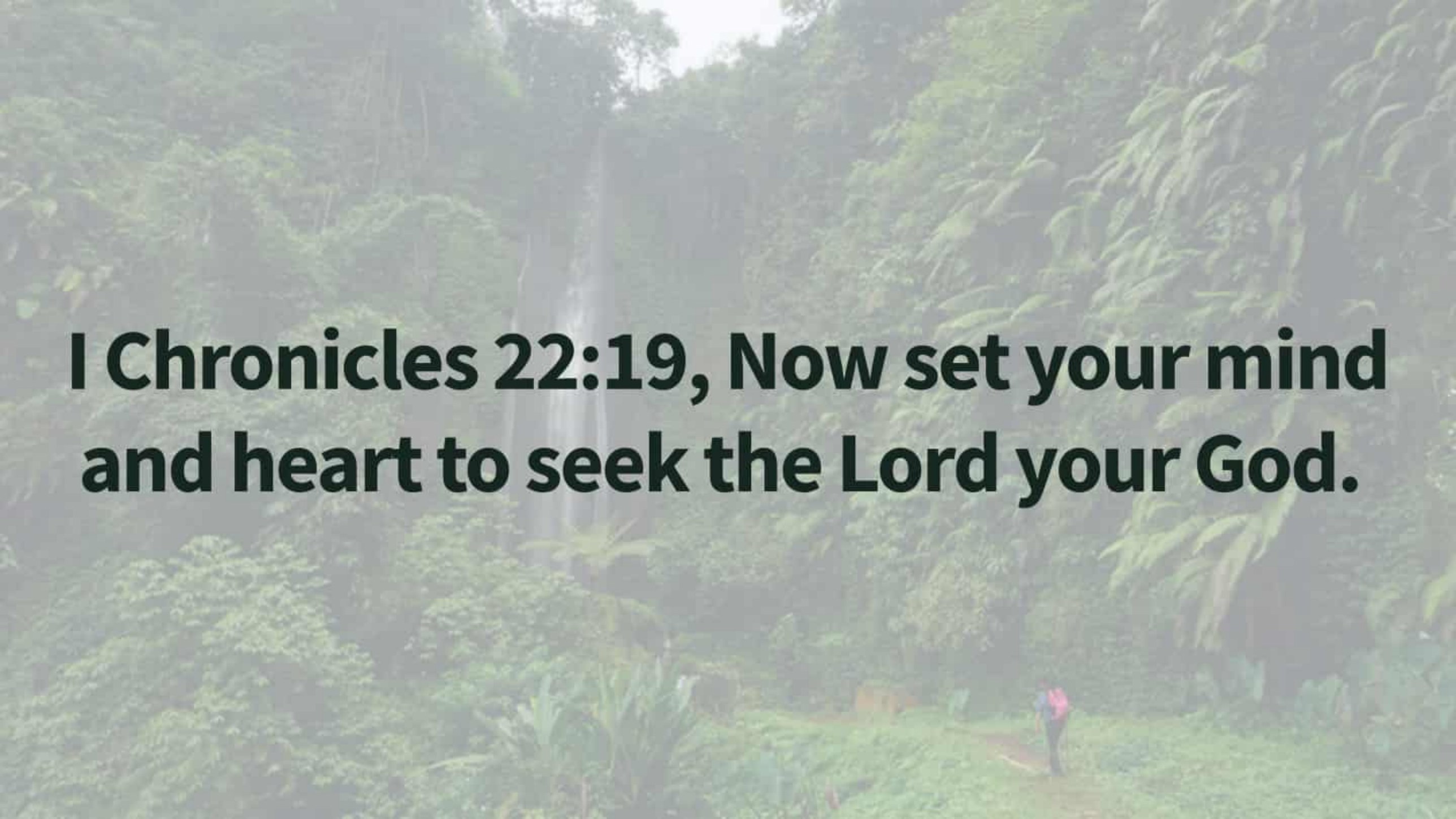

Seek
Sermon Series

“I can seek God and find Him. God is knowable, touchable, hearable, seeable, with the mind, the hands, the ears and the eyes of the inner man.”

I Chronicles 16:11, Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.

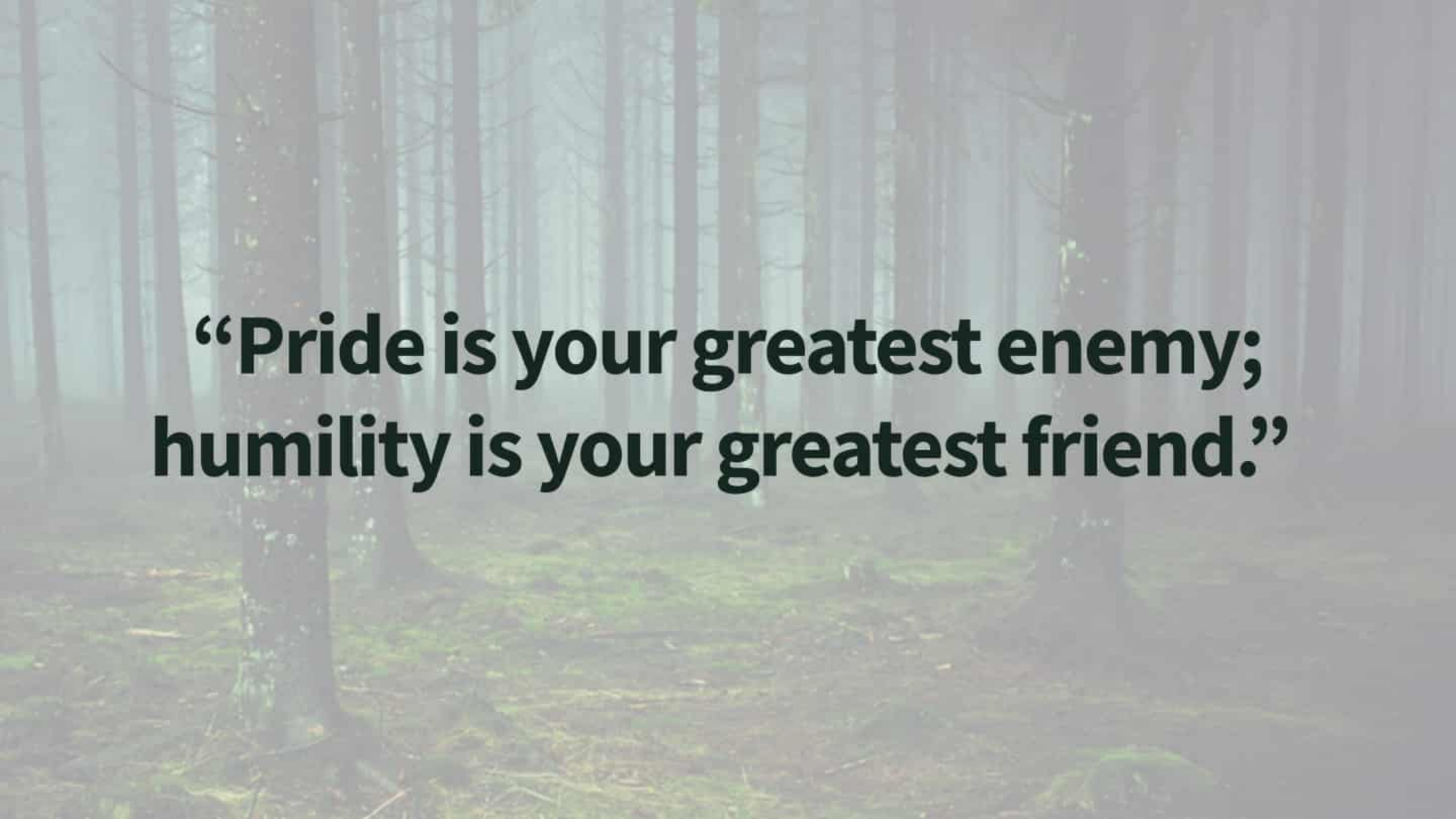
SEEK:

A “setting of the mind and heart” on God.


I Chronicles 22:19, Now set your mind
and heart to seek the Lord your God.

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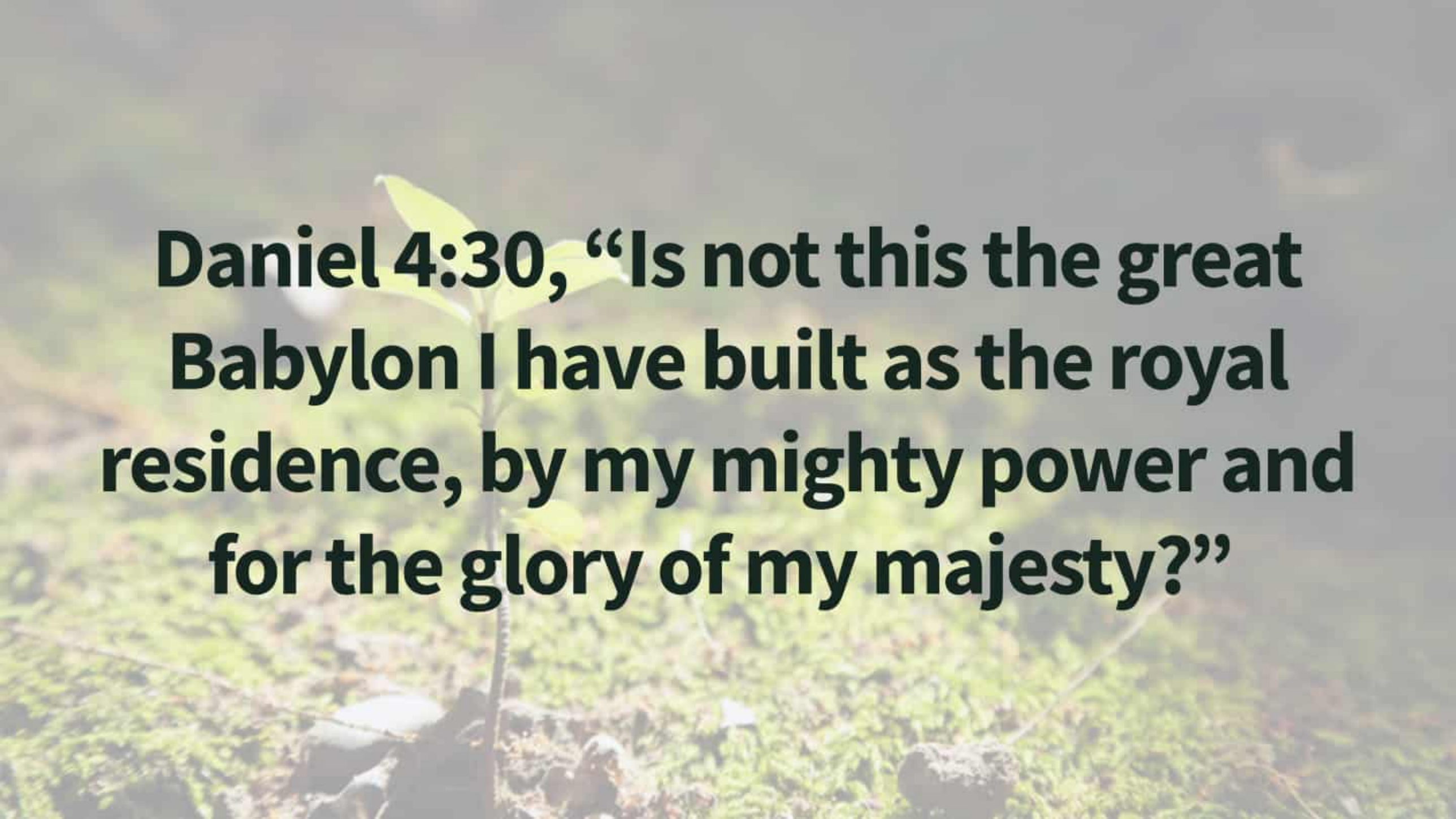
HINDRANCE is the state of being interfered with, held back, or slowed down: the state of being hindered.


“Pride is your greatest enemy;
humility is your greatest friend.”

Psalm 10:4, In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek Him; all his thoughts are, “There is no God.” “The wicked are too proud to ask God for help. He does not fit into their plans.”

King Nebuchadnezzar is an example of PRIDE in the Old Testament.

The book of Daniel chapter 4


Daniel 4:30, “Is not this the great
Babylon I have built as the royal
residence, by my mighty power and
for the glory of my majesty?”

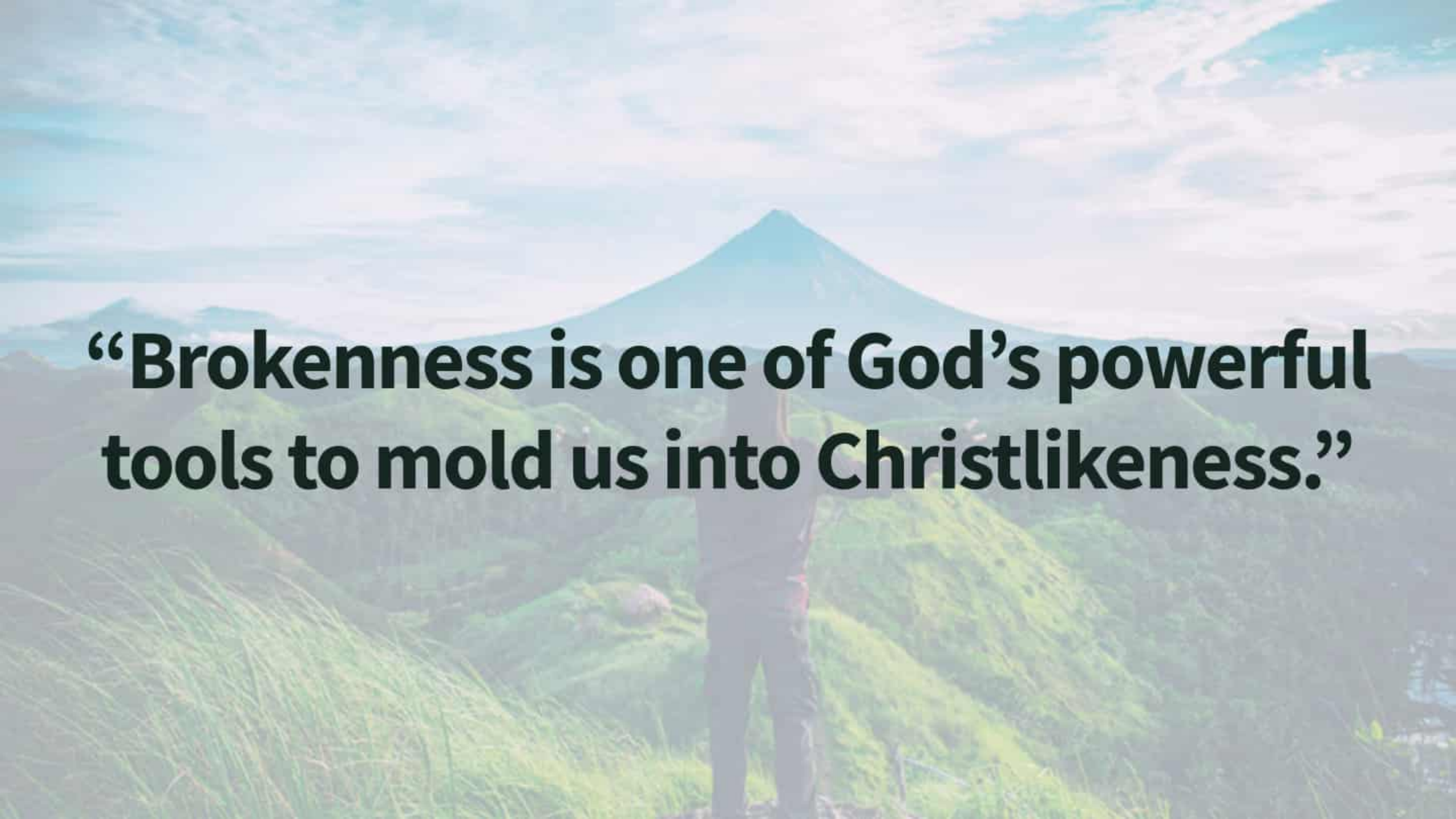
Daniel 4:37, “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything He does is right and all His ways are just. And those who walk in pride He is able to humble”

Four Ways Pride Hinders Seeking God:

1. Pride Fosters Self-Sufficiency.



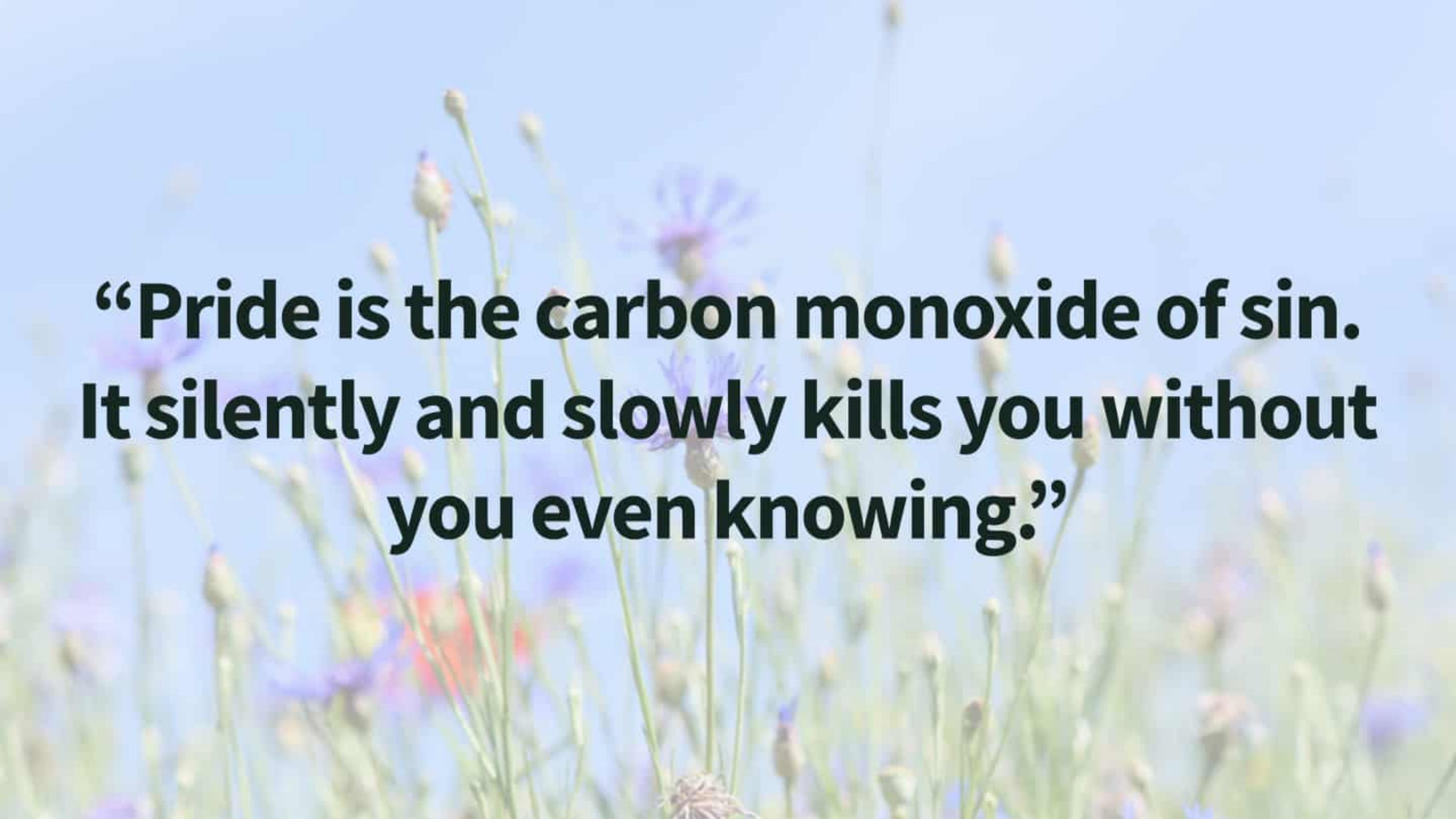
II Corinthians 3:5, Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God" Paul argues that his ability to serve, to minister is not due to his own competence but is a gift from God.


“Brokenness is one of God’s powerful tools to mold us into Christlikeness.”

2. Pride Blinds Our Sin.

Psalm 36:2, In their own eyes they flatter themselves too much to detect or hate their sin.

I John 1:8, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.


“Pride is the carbon monoxide of sin.
It silently and slowly kills you without
you even knowing.”

3. Pride Stifles Prayer.

Proverbs 26:12, Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them.

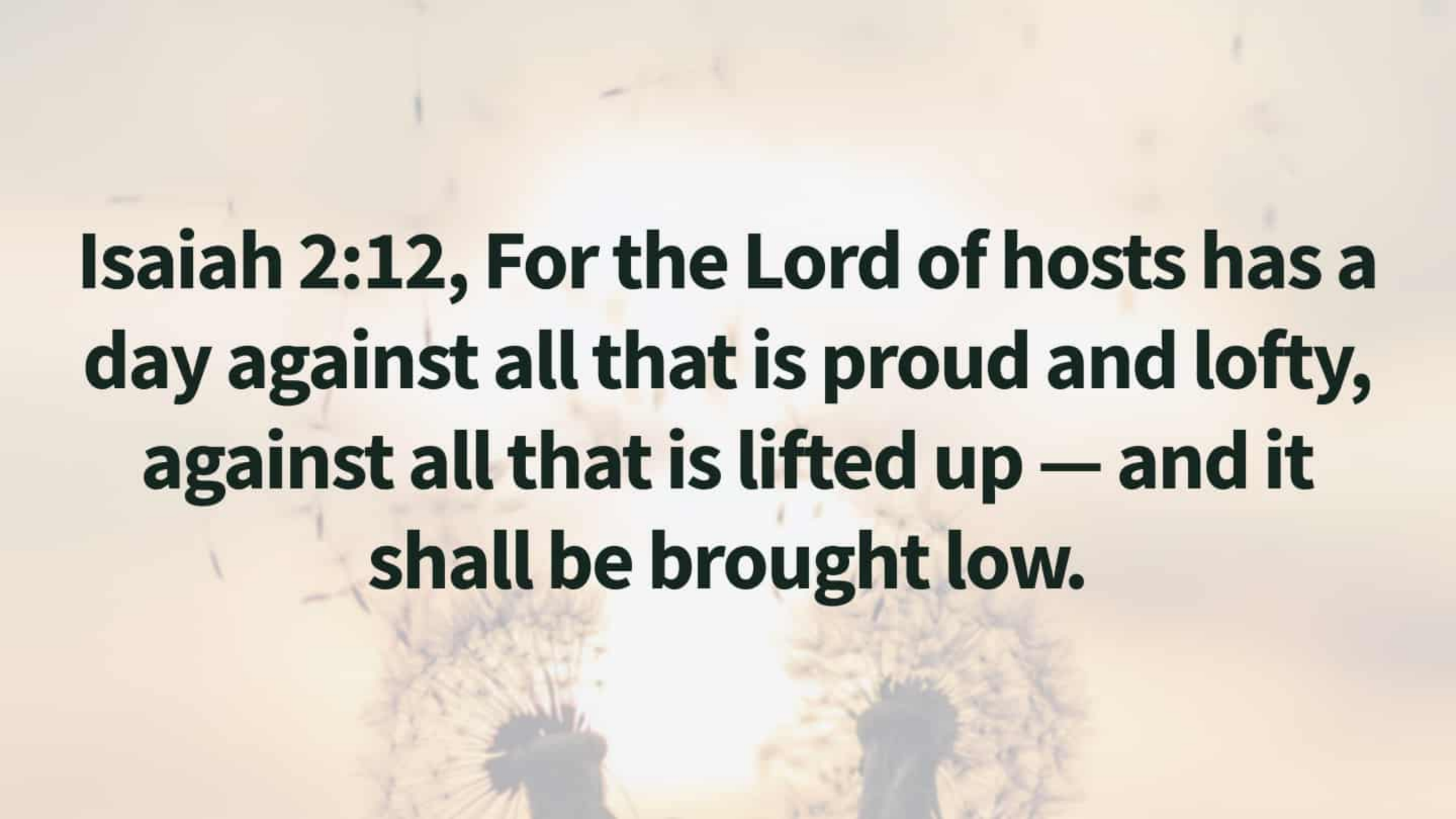


4. Pride Creates Active Opposition.

James 4:6, But He gives more grace. Therefore, it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.


Pride is spiritual suicide.

Isaiah 2:12, For the Lord of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up — and it shall be brought low.





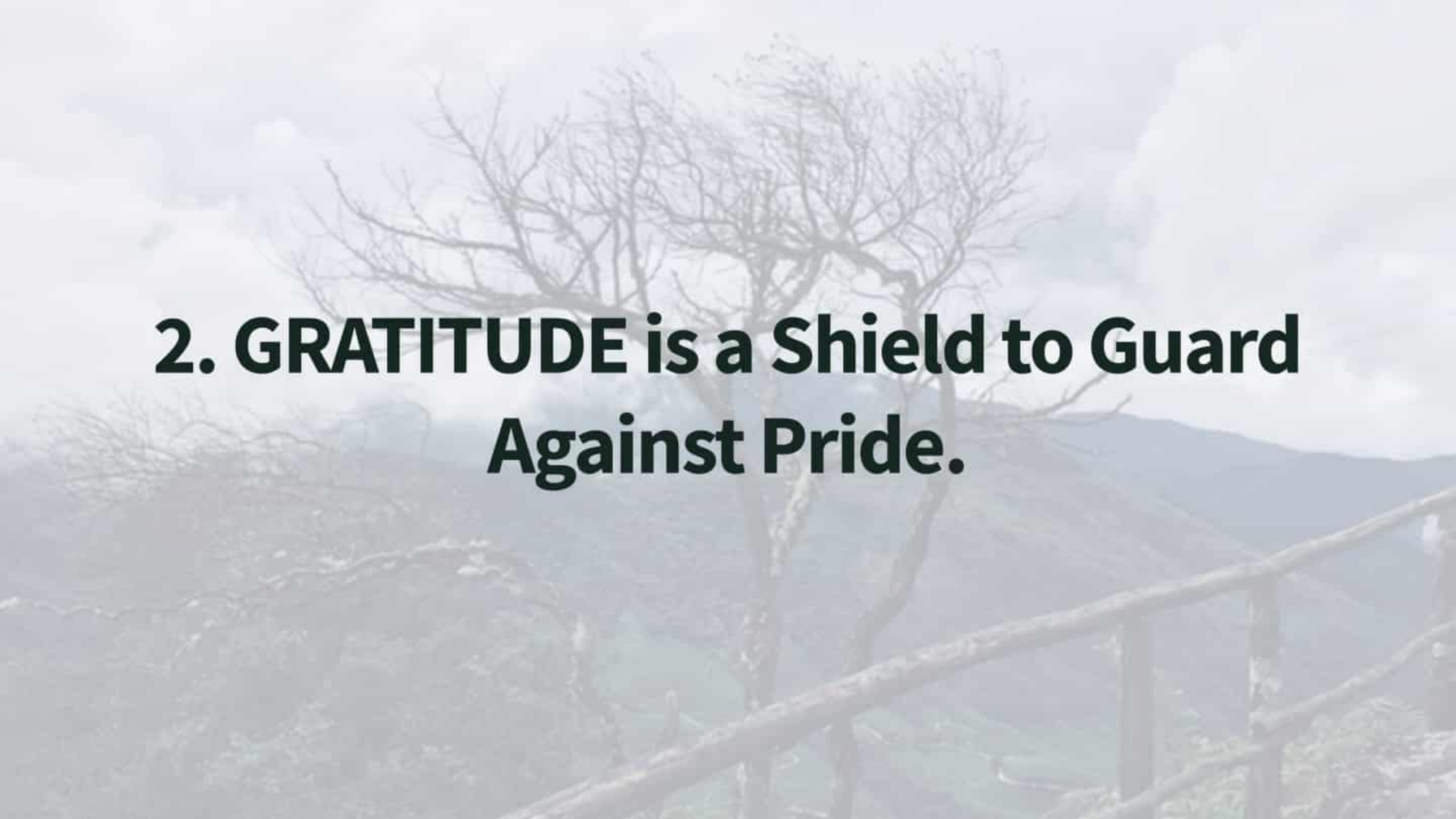
“God and pride are like oil and water- they don’t mix.”



Two Weapons to Defeat the Sin of Pride:

1. HUMILITY is a Sword to Slay Pride.





2. GRATITUDE is a Shield to Guard Against Pride.


Father, You hate pride, so deliver me
from it.