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The Death Grip of Pride – *Pastor Justin Ross*

Esther 6:1-14

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- Haman's proud so God opposes him.
- The power of God & the pride of man cannot coexist.
- James 4:6; 1Peter 5:5; Prov. 16:18
- As Christians, the power of God is in us.
- Pride has to die before we can make an impact.

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- He serves ... a great way to walk in humility.
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vourself:

- 1. Confess your sin to God. Luke 18:9-14
- 2. Acknowledge your sin to others -James 3:2a; 5:16
- 3. Submit to authorities in your life -1Peter 2:18
- 4. Invite those who can't repay you Luke 14:12-14
- 5. Offer forgiveness Matthew 18:21-35
- 6. Commit to speak well of others -Ephesians 4:31-32
- 7. Stay focused on the gospel. Luke 9:23
- "God cannot fill people who are already full of themselves."

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If your child becomes unsettled, feel free to step out of the service.