

# Pride- Villains and Victor- Seven Deadly Sins

## 1. Opening Reflection

The sermon described pride as "the carbon monoxide of sin"—invisible but deadly. Where do you see pride most clearly in the world around us? Where is it hardest to see in yourself?

## 2. Understanding Sin & Shalom

Sin was defined as breaking God's *shalom*—His design for flourishing. How does pride specifically damage our relationship with God, with others, and even with ourselves?

#### 3. Pride Wants to Be God

In what ways do we act as if we know better than God (like Adam & Eve or the builders of Babel)? Where in your life are you tempted to "take control" rather than trust God's wisdom?

#### 4. Pride Wants to Be First

Pride thrives on comparison. What situations or settings (work, social media, friendships, family) most tempt you to measure yourself against others? How does this affect your relationships?

## 5. Pride Wants to Be Right

The sermon said pride makes it difficult to admit when we're wrong. How easy or hard is it for you to apologize or confess mistakes? How might humility create deeper trust in your relationships?

## 6. Jesus Overcomes Pride

Philippians 2 describes Jesus humbling Himself and becoming a servant. What would it look like for you this week to follow His example of humility in a practical way?

## 7. Walking in Freedom

Pastor Keith encouraged us to "name your pride, confess it to Christ the Victor, and walk in freedom." What specific step can you take this week to let go of pride and live in the freedom of humility?

### **Closing Prayer**

"Lord Jesus, thank You that You humbled Yourself, even to the cross, to set us free from pride. Help us see where pride hides in our hearts, and give us the courage to confess it. Teach us to walk in humility, to trust You fully, and to love others well. Amen."