

## MAIN POINT

*In order to live a life of victory, followers of Jesus need to stay humble, never underestimate our enemy, show no mercy in the fight against sin, keep growing, and remember that it takes a team.*

## INTRODUCTION

A common saying is “pride comes before the fall.” How have you experienced this reality?

What are some ways we might seek to guard against pride so that we don’t fall?

The well-known saying, “pride comes before the fall” can be linked to the biblical wisdom of Proverbs 16:18 that says “pride goes before destruction.” In following Jesus, we are recognizing that God has given the best way for people to live and we need His wisdom and guidance to live in this way. Today, we will be looking at five keys to living in victory according to God.

## DISCUSSION

### > READ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:12.

This verse warns against pride and encourages us towards humility. What are some reasons that people give into pride in their lives?

What are some unique ways followers of Christ might be tempted by pride?

What is the danger in thinking “that could never be me” when it comes to a given area of sin? How is this connected to Proverbs 16:18 and 1 Corinthians 10:12?

Read 1 Peter 5:8. What does this tell you about why you should never underestimate the devil?

Read Ephesians 4:27. What are some ways we can guard against the schemes of the devil and his attacks on our lives?

What are the places in your life where you need to refocus on the Lord and show no mercy in the fight against sin?

Read Philippians 3:12-15. In this passage, Paul exhorted his readers to press on toward further growth. How is this connected to the first key of staying humble?

Finally, we were reminded that we need a team in order to live in victory. How does the church act as that team in our lives?

How have you experienced the victory of living in Jesus as part of the church?

## APPLICATION

Which of the five keys for victory stands out to you most? Which do you need to pursue this week?