

Pride & Scars

- I. The Setting
 - A. 1 Kings 20:1-3 – Syria wars with Israel. Ben-Hadad claims the silver, gold, best wives and children of the King.
 - B. 1 Kings 20:4-6 – The terms are changed.
 - C. 1 Kings 20:8-12 – War is starting.
 - D. 1 Kings 20:13 – The Lord will deliver.

- II. The Prophet
 - A. 1 Kings 20:32-34 – Ahab allows Ben-Hadad to live.
 - B. 1 Kings 20:35-38 – A prophet seeks for someone to strike him.
 - C. 1 Kings 20:39-40 – The prophet tells the King a story.
 - D. 1 Kings 20:41-43 – The prophet condemns the King for what he has done.

- III. Pride
 - A. One of the issues in our story is pride.
 - B. It is one of the 3 categories of sin listed in 1 John 2:16. It is present in the Garden of Eden and also the temptation of Jesus.
 - C. Proverbs 16:18 – It goes before destruction.
 - D. Proverbs 11:2 – Disgrace follows close behind.

- IV. Scars
 - A. Another issue for some could be the injury. How do we handle our scars?
 - B. Sometimes the scar becomes our identity. It becomes the most important thing about us.
 - C. 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 – Our injuries, scars, weakness must not define us. God's grace is sufficient.
 - D. We should use them to bring attention to where our identity should rest, in Christ.

- V. Conclusion
 - A. We may not understand all that God asks.
 - B. We cannot help God with His plans.
 - C. We should never find our identity in our scars.
 - D. Our identity should be in Christ.