

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Daniel 4:29-37

Session Summary

Despite the warning that God would humble him like an animal because of his pride, Nebuchadnezzar continued to strut through Babylon and saw the kingdom as the work of his hands for the glory of his own name. The presumptuous assertion that Babylon would last forever and that no kingdoms would follow was perhaps the worst evidence of the king's ego. By forcing Nebuchadnezzar to roam the earth like a wild animal, the Lord invited him toward repentance. Rather than condemn the king for his arrogance, God graciously reduced him to nothing in order to change his ways. Once Nebuchadnezzar experienced the corrective force of God's sovereignty, his lips and heart overflowed with worship.

Conversation Questions

- What safeguards can our family put into place to fight against narcissism and arrogance?
- How is it tempting for our family to want to take control of the future versus surrendering it to God?
- In what ways has our family experienced the discipline of God before? Was it difficult?
- What is the proper response to God's discipline and authority over our family?

Family Challenge

The opposite of arrogance is humility and surrender. Spend time as a family discussing ways that each of you can surrender a certain area of your life that you struggle to let God have control over. Whether that is a certain college application, sports team, friendship, or job, talk about how God has the ultimate authority over it all and how you can fully trust Him with anything.