**Pause**

**Dealing with Pride**

**II Kings 5:1-8**

1. **Pause; Seek God**

* In our pride, we seek everything but God.
* Pride will prevent you from seeking God.
* A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you’re looking down, you can’t see something that’s above you. – C.S. Lewis

1. **Pause; Submit to God’s Word**

* Pride is at the bottom of most great mistakes.
* Pride is a barrier to all spiritual progress.
* Pride resists, humility submits.

1. **Pause; Praise God**

* Praise God, not yourself.
* Die to self, so you can truly praise the Lord.
* Romans 12:1–2 (NLT) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.