

DAY 17 | THE ONE WHO WEARS THE CROWN

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**"Your throne, God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of justice.
Hebrews 1:8**

Have you ever tried to sit in a seat that wasn't yours?

It may be difficult to admit, but pride is a struggle for all of us. Deep down, pride whispers the same lie that led to Lucifer's fall: *"I want the throne."* We may never say those words out loud, but when we insist on our way over God's way, we're making ourselves king.

Jonah is a powerful picture of where pride leads. As he ran from God, everything went down. He went down to Joppa, down into the ship, down into the depths of the sea, and down into the belly of the fish. Sin always takes us farther than we intended to go, and it always comes with a cost. Jonah even paid a fare to run from God. Pride promises elevation, but it always leads downward. Humility, however, takes the opposite path.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time." (1 Pt. 5:6)

The throne of your life was never meant for you. There is only One who wears the crown. When we step down from the throne and surrender it to Jesus, we discover the freedom, peace, and purpose that come from letting the true King reign.

PRAY

LORD, You are forever on the throne. No matter what happens today, I will say, "God is so good." Help me to remember that I must decrease, and You must increase.

In Jesus' Name, amen.
