Facing Your Giants
Watch out for the I in Giant
Based on 2 Samuel Chapters 11 & 12

“Pride comes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall” Prov. 16:18

“First pride then the crash—the bigger the ego, the harder the fall.” Prov. 16:18 Message trans.

“God can’t stomach arrogance or pretense; believe me, he’ll put prideful people in their place” Prov. 16:5

To Combat Pride and Arrogance...

1. Pursue Humility

“Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look out not only for their own interests but the interests of others.” Phil 2:3-4

“Tis far wiser to descend from the mountain than to fall from it.” Max Lucado

2. Resist the Place of Celebrity

“Go sit in a seat that is not important. When the host comes to you, he may say, “Friend, move up here to a more important place.” Then all the other guest will respect you.” Luke 14:10

“Work for a cause, not for applause. Live life to express, not to impress. Don’t strive to make your presence noticed just your absence felt.” Author Unknown

3. Make a Great Commitment to the Great Commandment
Matthew 22:34-39

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, strength. Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” —Jesus

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up. Cast your worries on him for he cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, stand firm in the faith” I Peter 5:5-8
PART 4—WATCH OUT FOR THE “I” IN GIANT

Open Your Group Time With Prayer

This Is Only a Guide—Select the Points You Want to Discuss

• Take a minute to review the points from the sermon outline. What sticks with you and why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. Describe a time when you found yourself acting with pride and arrogance.

2. What do you think Max Lucado means when he writes? “Tis far wiser to descend the mountain than to fall from it.”

3. Pursue Humility…Resist the Place of Celebrity…Make a Great Commitment to the Great Commandment.
   A. What would it look like to pursue humility?
   B. How can you resist the place of celebrity?
   C. What would need to change in your life for you to make a great commitment to the great Commandment?

GOING DEEPER
1. Read 2 Samuel 11:1-26
   A. What is the start of David’s problems in this chapter?
   B. How did Uriah—a Hittite, not a Hebrew—show himself to be far more honorable than David?

2. Read 1 Peter 5:5-8
   A. What command are believers given in this verse?
   B. How do resisting the devil and committing to the great commandment tie together?