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Mastermind: The Pride Trap (Romans 12:2)

Warmup: How old were you when you learned about or observed pride?

READ Romans 12:1-8

- What does Paul mean by not conforming to the pattern of the world? What habits keep you living “with eyes open” perceiving the leading of God?
- What analogy does Paul use to describe the Christian community? How does the faith community contribute to living with “eyes wide open”?
- What does it mean that each member belongs to all the others? How does this affect our human desire to compare ourselves with others?

REFLECT

- As quoted by Jonathan Edwards, what are the seven ways pride can hide in us? How can we recognize these in our own lives?
- How does pride affect your relationships and your walk with God?
- How do you currently use your gifts and talents? Are they being used to glorify God and uplift others, or to seek personal validation?
- How can you make the subtle shift from thinking “I’m gifted” to “I’m gifted by God”? What practical steps can you take to make this shift in your daily life?

RESPOND

- How can you apply Romans 12:3-8 in your community and at church? What specific actions can you take to serve others with humility?
- How can you encourage others to recognize and use their God-given gifts for the benefit of the community?
- Who will you tell this week: “You are gifted by God.”

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