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WHAT ARROGANCE WILL STEAL FROM YOU

Introduction:

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At this point in my life I am prepared to acknowledge something that at one time would have been impossible — I was an *arrogant* young man!

Text: Mark 7:15, 20-23

**"Nothing outside a man can make him
'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it
is what comes out of a man that
makes him 'unclean.'"**

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**He went on: "What comes out of a
man is what makes him 'unclean.'**

**For from within, out of men's hearts,
come evil thoughts, sexual
immorality, theft, murder, adultery,
greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy,
slander, arrogance and folly.**

**All these evils come from inside and
make a man 'unclean.'"**

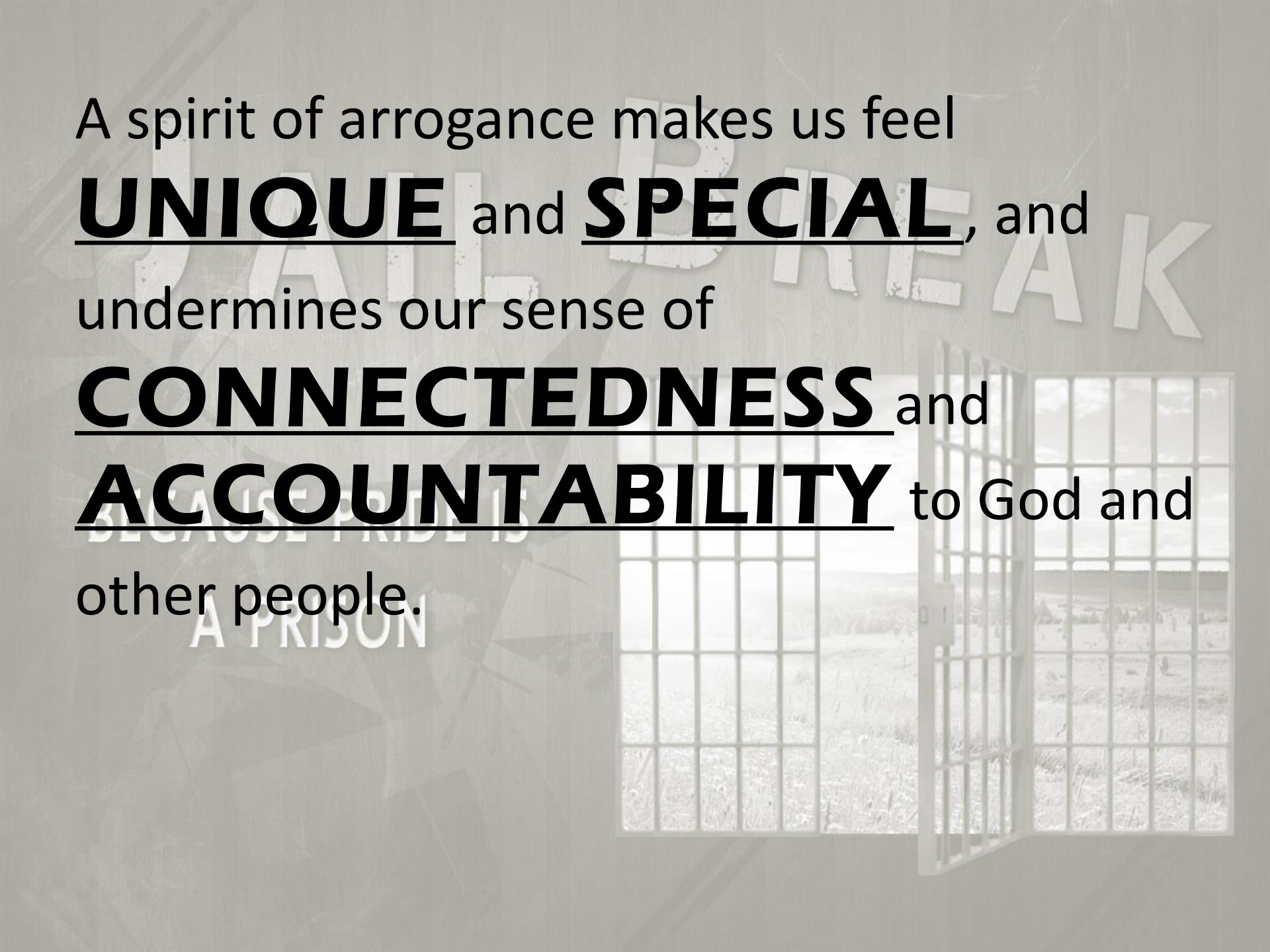
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*Arrogance is one of a cluster
of interconnected and evil
spirits that can take control
of our lives.*

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A spirit of arrogance makes us feel
UNIQUE and **SPECIAL**, and
undermines our sense of
CONNECTEDNESS and
ACCOUNTABILITY to God and
other people.

The background of the slide features a grayscale photograph of a window with multiple panes and metal bars. The window looks out onto a field with tall grass and some distant trees or buildings under a clear sky. The overall mood is somber and reflective, contrasting with the bold, capitalized text in the foreground.

The costs of an arrogant spirit include:

Frequently strained and broken

RELATIONSHIPS.

Social and spiritual **ISOLATION**.

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Episodic personal and professional

CRISIS.

The costs of an arrogant spirit include:

Chronic **UNDERACHIEVEMENT**.

(you can accomplish a great deal and still be underachieving).

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Stunted spiritual **GROWTH** and
FRUITFULNESS.

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*The ability of recognizing
arrogance within ourselves is
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very, very rare!*

Ten certain signs of an arrogant spirit are:

A lack of **GRATITUDE** toward God and others.

A pronounced sense of personal **ENTITLEMENT**.

A lack of **COURTESY** and **CIVILITY** toward others.

Ten certain signs of an arrogant spirit are:

A persistent sense of being

UNDERAPPRECIATED by

others.

INHIBITION in expressing

harsh **CRITICISM**.

An inability to respond positively to

CRITICISM.

Ten certain signs of an arrogant spirit are:

Difficulty FORGIVING perceived
OFFENSES.

A lack of MERCY and
COMPASSION toward others.

Ten certain signs of an arrogant spirit are:

Disregard for the feelings of less

ABLE and **POWERFUL** people.

A tendency to consistently underestimate

RISK.

IRONY: You may have thought of someone else as we progressed through this list. Is it possible that someone else thought of you?

The two most common roots of arrogance are:

Unearned and unaccountable

WEALTH and/or **POWER**.

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HUMILIATING early life
EXPERIENCES.

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*Rather than being the
opposite of arrogance,
low-esteem is often the
driving-force that creates it!*

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An arrogant spirit can be **HEALED** by God, but the **CURE** is often **PAINFUL**. When God wishes to bring needed change in our lives, he generally works either through our **CHARACTER** or our **CIRCUMSTANCES**.

Should you recognize and wish to crucify a spirit
of arrogance within yourself:
CONFESS it.

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Renounce the **DELIBERATE** pursuit
of **POWER** and **STATUS**.

Should you recognize and wish to crucify a spirit
of arrogance within yourself:

Choose to APOLOGIZE rather
than to RATIONALIZE.

Give other people the right to speak the
TRUTH in LOVE to you by
renouncing VINDICTIVENESS.

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Conclusion:

The repentance of arrogance by
even a handful of people can begin
to transform a community!

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