



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of April 20, 2026

1. A wise person once remarked that *"Pride is at the root of every serious problem in life."* Would you agree that personal pride is at the root of most sins? What does Proverbs 16:18 say?

Read 2 Kings 14:1-22 as a group. Have each person read one verse until the passage is complete.

2. In verses 3–4, Amaziah is described as doing *"what was right in the eyes of the Lord, yet not like David his father."* What does this reveal about partial obedience? Where in your life might you be following God externally but holding something back internally?
3. Verses 5–6 show Amaziah executing justice carefully according to God's law. How can someone start well with godly integrity but still drift into pride later? What safeguards help you stay grounded when you begin to experience success?
4. After his victory over Edom (v. 7), Amaziah challenges Israel's king (vv. 8–10). What does this shift reveal about how success can fuel pride? Can you identify a time when a "win" in your life led to overconfidence or poor judgment?
5. Joash responds with a warning parable (vv. 9–10), essentially telling Amaziah to stay in his lane. Why is pride often resistant to wise counsel? Who are the voices in your life that you need to listen to more carefully?
6. In verses 11–14, Amaziah ignores the warning and suffers defeat and humiliation. What specific consequences of pride do you see in this passage? How have you seen pride damage relationships, leadership, or spiritual health today?
7. Verses 17–20 show Amaziah living on after his defeat but eventually being assassinated. How might pride contribute to a slow downfall rather than an immediate collapse? What warning signs should we watch for in our own lives?
8. Amaziah's story ends with a brief transition to the next king (vv. 21–22). In light of his life, what kind of legacy does pride leave behind? What would it look like for humility—not pride—to shape the way you lead, serve, and influence others this week?

"Pride is the "essential vice" and the "utmost evil," which leads to every other vice." –C.S. Lewis