

# Behind Enemy Lines

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## Let Go...and Come Inside

While all of us struggle with different sins and temptations, we all ultimately have the same enemy: pride. Pride is a chameleon and can disguise itself in many different ways. Ultimately, pride will work to keep you holding onto something other than God and to remain outside the Father's house. Telling the truth...and hearing the Father's voice...is the way to let go of what we cling to and come inside.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Would you rather receive an inheritance and leave nothing behind, or would you rather receive nothing and be able to leave an inheritance behind? Why?
  2. We all have different experiences, but the same Enemy: our own pride. Pride is a chameleon and can take many forms. What are some forms pride has manifested itself in your life?
  3. The younger son could have allowed embarrassment keep him from the Father's house. Have you ever been tempted to cling to embarrassment rather than allow God to forgive your sins through the Sacrament of Confession? Why or why not? Please share and discuss.
  4. The pride of the older son took the form of anger and resentment. Why would the fact that the Father loved the younger son keep the older son outside? Have you ever held on to resentment and anger rather than allow yourself to enter into joy or allow yourself to be loved? Please share and discuss.
  5. In light of justice, the younger son's sins seemed insurmountable. In light of mercy, the older son's good works seemed inconsequential. Have you ever seen this in your life? Please share openly and discuss.
  6. Humility is telling the truth...the whole truth. Humility allows the Father's voice to speak. He claims you in your sins and in your service. Which part of humility is most difficult for you: to tell the truth from your perspective or to hear the truth from the Father's perspective? Please share and discuss.
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## God in Real Life

This week, when pride reveals itself, assert the full truth: I need the Father's love...and I have the Father's love.

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## To the Heart

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" Luke 15:31-32