

## CAN WE TALK?

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significant because of what Obadiah wants to say to us today

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***Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall***

-Proverbs 16:18

Some background to Obadiah

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Esau was impetuous and bitter older twin brother of Jacob

**Edomites never forgot nor forgave**

refused to let Israel pass thru during exodus  
now they had joyfully joined in the sacking of Jerusalem  
Herods of Jesus' day were of Edomite background

### OBADIAH 1-21

Some Reminders for Us

Pride is deep-seated in all of us

it goes back to the beginning—Lucifer tried to claim equality with  
God  
Satan told Adam & Eve they could be like God

**National pride can be very dangerous and misleading**

Edomites lived in mountain strongholds and were smugly secure

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it will not be a problem for God to bring them to their knees

this Independence Day weekend how healthy is your national pride?

healthy pride (humble gratitude)

unhealthy pride (refusal to be subject to God or honor him)

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from the outside  
from within

Six Challenges Obadiah Might Give Us Today

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a picture of humility that I've found helpful

an attitude I've found helpful: **"I might be wrong"**

**Live grateful**

I am grateful to live in this great country

"The ink of God's grace has written every chapter"

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the Edomites were neither hospitable nor generous

**determine to be a funnel rather than a catch basin**

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the Evil One can be very seductive in drawing us away from this

**it's why consistent weekly worship is such a high value for me**

**Live in community**

Independence Day should be an oxymoron for a Christ follower

you will not grow healthy if your faith is in isolation

**Live expectantly**

the prophets consistently brought warnings, often to deaf ears

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