



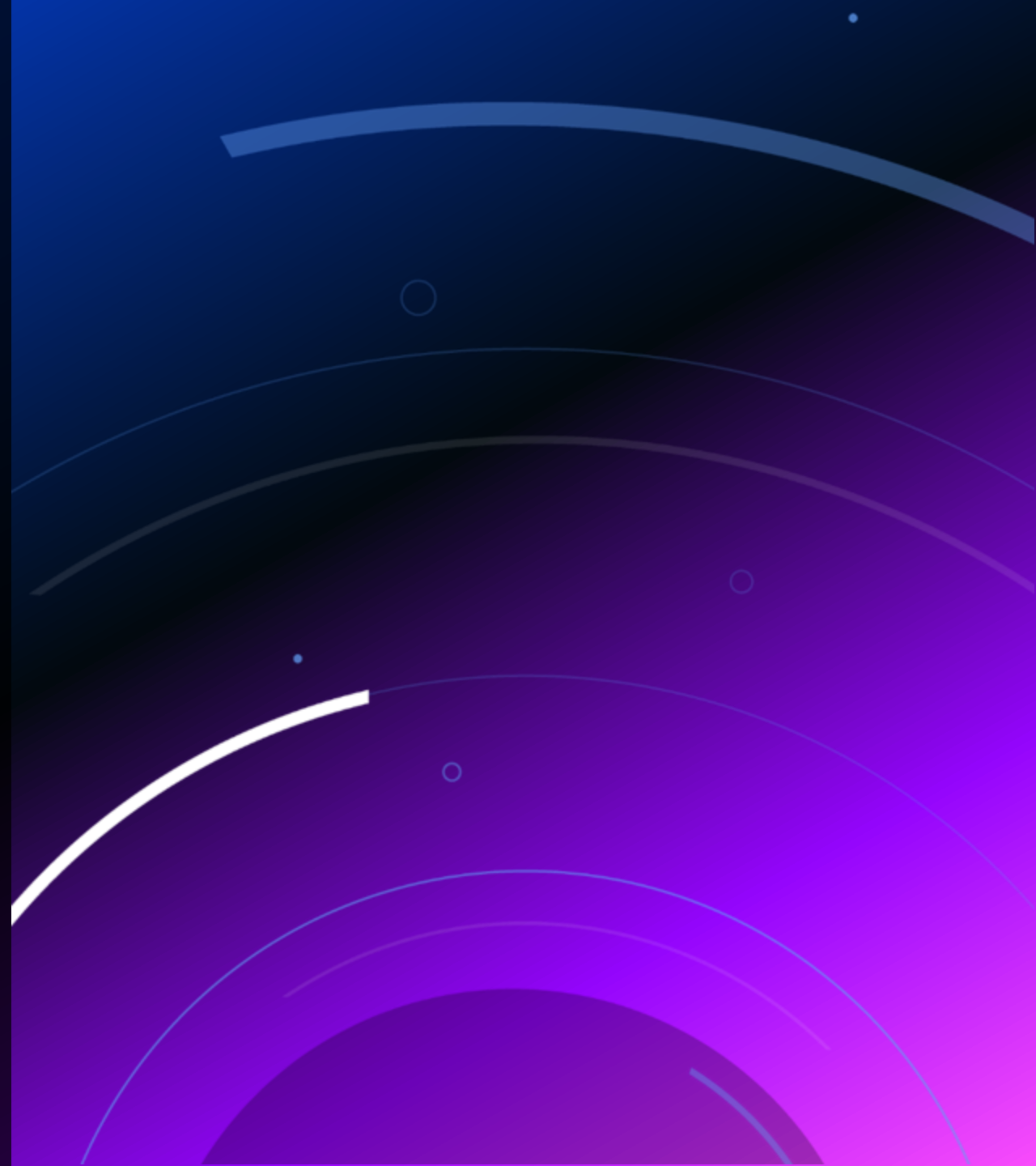
**OUR "STINKING"
PRIDE**

GOLIATH

**He never saw it
coming!!**

THE RICH MAN

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THERE ARE **5** LESSONS TO BE
LEARNED FROM
NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S EXPERIENCE
THAT WILL GUIDE US AS WE
WRESTLE WITH OUR **STINKING**
PRIDE:

1. **Pride** does
come before a fall.
(Daniel 4:4, 28-30)

“Is not this the great
Babylon I have built as
the royal residence, by
my mighty power and
for the glory of my
majesty?”

2. **Pride** does
produce pain.

(Daniel 4:31-33)

“31 Your royal authority has been taken from you.

32 You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.” 6

3. God does
graciously
warn us.

(Daniel 4:19-27)

“27 Therefore, Your Majesty,
be pleased to accept my
advice: Renounce your sins
by doing what is right, and
your wickedness by being
kind to the oppressed.
It may be that then your
prosperity will continue.”

4. God's **GRACE**
does reach us
EVEN when we are
at rock bottom.

(Daniel 4:34-35)

“At the end of that time, I,
Nebuchadnezzar, raised my
eyes toward heaven, and my
sanity was restored. Then I
praised the Most High; I
honored and glorified him
who lives forever.”

5. **Hindsight** is a powerful teacher.

(Daniel 4:1-3,
36-37)

“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.”

He takes **the posture** of Jesus:

“...who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness. and be found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!”

(Philippians. 2:5-8, NIV)