

# Vision Killers

*Mark 6:3; 6: 17- 29*

*Vision Sunday*

**ICEBREAKER:** What has been the most useful bit of life advice that you have been given in the last few months? Discuss in groups and feedback centrally.

**Aim of discussion :** to recognize if any offense or pride has crippled us over the years and find a way to break these strongholds.

## **The Two killers of Vision**

### *1. Offense*

- Mark 6:3 “they were deeply offended and refused to follow him. And because of their unbelief, he couldn’t do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.”
- The devil wants to play on offense
- Let go of the past. It’s time to move forward into the vision that God has for us.
- Release the hurts and offenses to God. Can you forgive? Let’s not destroy relationships. Let’s focus on what is good, honest, praise worthy like the father that lost three of his children.

### *2. Pride*

- Mark 6:17-29.
- John the Baptist was favoured and respected by Herod
- Herodias held a grudge against John the Baptist
- Mark 6:26 “The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her.” Herod wanted to save face and out of pride, he killed John the Baptist

**QUESTION:**

1. When is the last time you get offended? How did it affect your relationship with people around you? How did you overcome it?
2. What can you do to help restore the relationship when you know your friend A offended friend B?
3. What are the common symptoms when people have pride? How to identify pride in someone?
4. What are the practical ways to deal with pride?

**Things to try:**

- Ask a trusted friend to give you some feedback and see if he/she observed any pride in you. Be ready to take the feedback without defending yourself. Take sometime within the next week to check your heart, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any blindspot within you. Talk to God and ask Him to give you strength to overcome the blindspots.
  
- Meditate on the character of Jesus, here are some of the verses you can use:
  - Humble service (John 13:1-5)
  - Holiness (I Peter 1:15-16)
  - Righteousness (I John 3:7)
  - Purity (I John 3:3)
  - Love (Ephesians 5:1-2)
  - Forgiveness (Colossians 3:13)
  - Compassion (Ephesians 4:32)
  - Endurance (Hebrews 12:2-4)
  - Submission (I Peter 2:21-4)
  - Humility, obedience (Philippians 2:5-8)
  - Kindness (Luke 6:35)
  - Generous giving (II Corinthians 8:1-9)