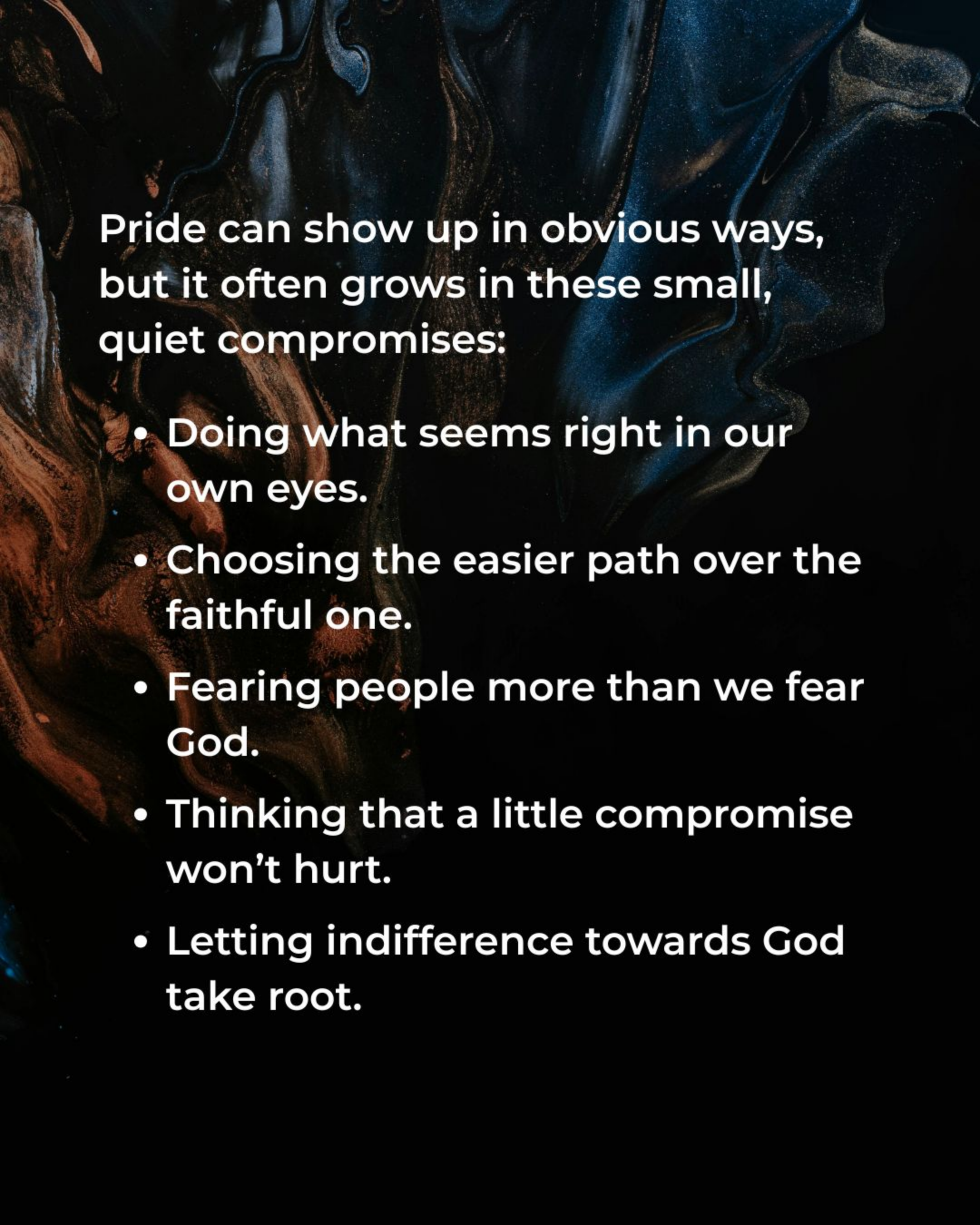




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Pride can show up in obvious ways,
but it often grows in these small,
quiet compromises:

- Doing what seems right in our own eyes.
- Choosing the easier path over the faithful one.
- Fearing people more than we fear God.
- Thinking that a little compromise won't hurt.
- Letting indifference towards God take root.



In Hosea 5, God confronts Israel: they were gratifying the flesh, loving the world, and drifting from God without realising it.

Pride dulled their discernment and poisoned their souls.

Eventually, their sinful deeds led to the hardening of their hearts to the Lord and kept them from turning back to Him (v.4).



BE ATTENTIVE TO GOD'S LEADING.

Complacency grew into compromise.

And spiritual compromise led to calamity.

Israel believed they were still seeking the Lord (v.6), but in truth their hearts were far from Him.

Their worship was unclean and it affected their future generations too.

So the faithful yet holy God spoke.

He disciplines His children as a loving father would, calling them to “hear” and “pay attention”.



KNOW THAT GOD IS THE FAITHFUL COVENANT-KEEPER.

God could terminate the covenant because of the unfaithfulness of His people, yet He remains faithful.

In a way, we should be thankful for God's stern discipline – because it means He hasn't abandoned us!

Take heart that God refuses to break His promise, and His faithfulness is based on His character, not our performance.



**CHOOSE THE PATH GOD TAKES
YOU ON, NOT THE ONE THE
WORLD OFFERS.**

**It takes great humility to choose
God's ways – especially when it
makes us look foolish to the world.**

**Don't trade what is eternal for what is
fleeting, instead we courageously
walk in the way Jesus showed us:
denying ourselves, taking up our
cross and following Him.**