

Symptoms of Pride

➤ Anger

- This came as a result of a feeling of marginalization (Esther 3:5; 5:9)
- You are blinded to the blessings around you (5:13)
- You will often find others that will support you in your anger (5:14)
- Pride which manifests itself in anger doesn't often stop at the source (3:6)

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➤ Comparisons

- Haman had to sing his own praises (Esther 5:10-12)
- We must learn what to glory in (Jer. 9:23-24)
- *“For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”* (2 Cor. 10:12)
- C.S. Lewis: “Pride gets no pleasure out of having something, only out of having more of it than the next man... It is the comparison that makes you proud: the pleasure of being above the rest. Once the element of competition is gone, pride is gone.”

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A grayscale photograph of a hand holding a string of beads. The hand is positioned in the center, with fingers gripping the string. The beads are strung on a thin rod, and the string hangs down. The background is dark and out of focus.

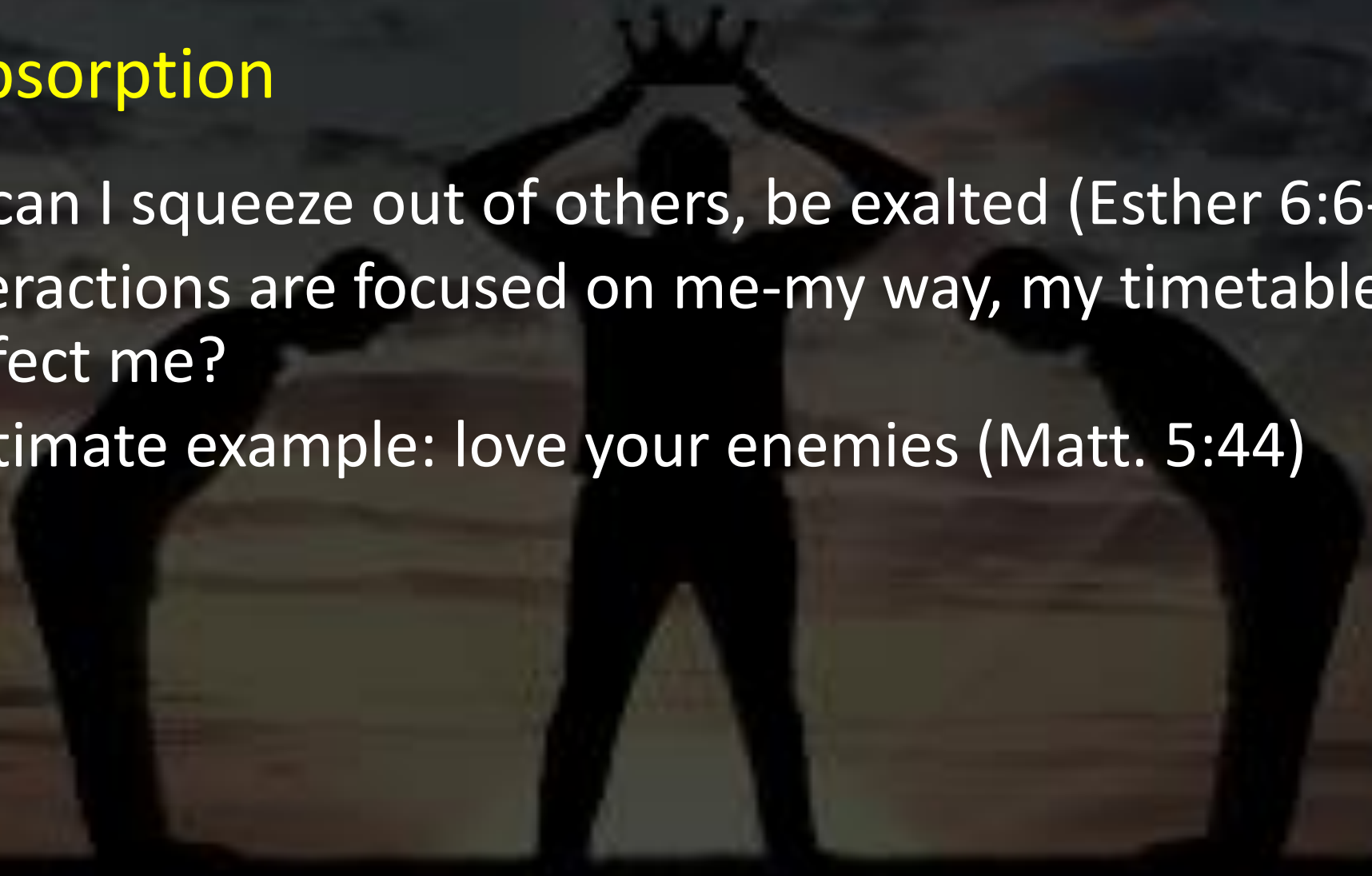
➤ Manipulation

- Bending things and people to our will (Esther 3:8ff)
- Can backfire and cause us problems (Esther 6:6)

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➤ Self Absorption

- What can I squeeze out of others, be exalted (Esther 6:6-9)
- All interactions are focused on me-my way, my timetable, how will this affect me?
- The ultimate example: love your enemies (Matt. 5:44)





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

Prov. 16:18