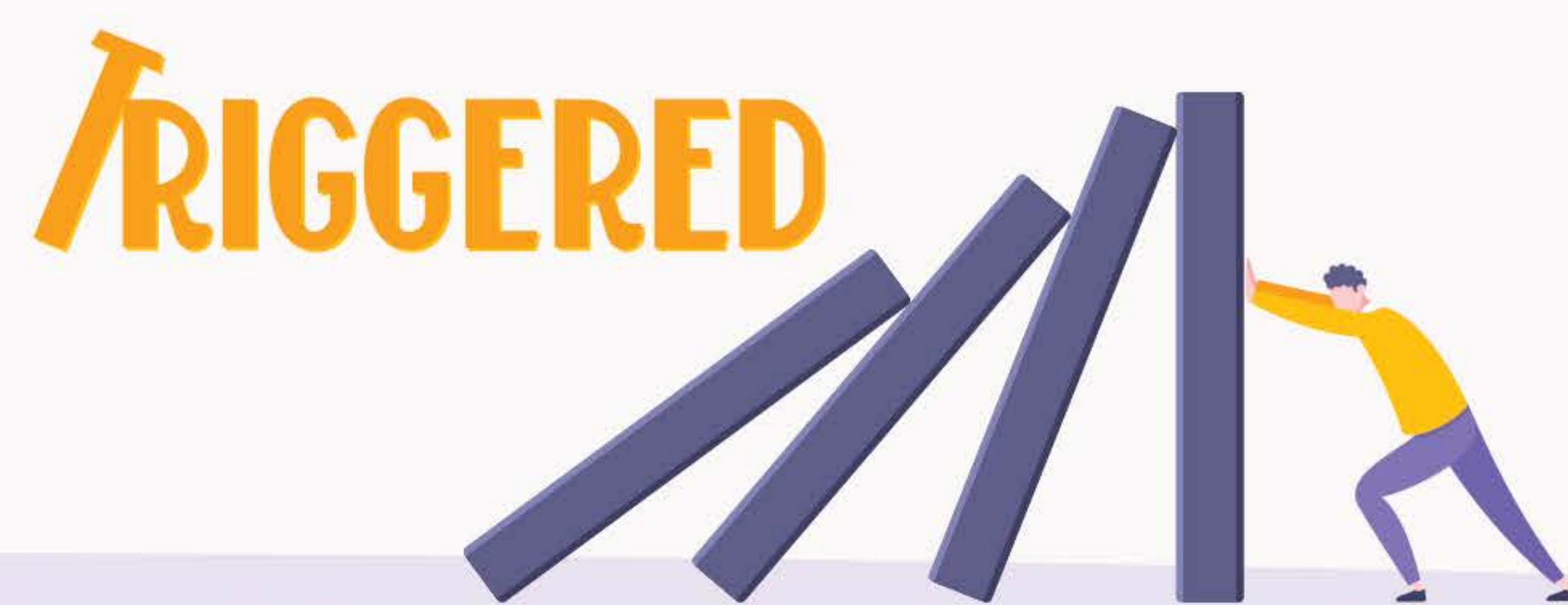


# WK 1 - MAY 2

# SELFISH PRIDE

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## INTRODUCTION

Selfish pride is often the culprit behind getting triggered. It causes us to think we deserve praise or credit, to pretend to be something we're not so we can appear better than someone else. It's also a blind spot for many. Easy to pick out in others, but hard to self-diagnose. Selfish pride ultimately causes us to miss the point - love. When we love others like God does, we keep selfish pride in check and make an impact in our Little lowas.

## DISCUSSION

1. **Read Philippians 2:3-4.** Whom do you know who embodies these verses and why?
2. The point is always love. However, our thoughts, emotions, preferences and opinions often get in the way. What usually trips you up?
3. What does it look like to offer truth in love without selfish pride taking over?
4. If selfish pride can be a blind spot, how would one go about discovering it?
5. Share some practical ways you can remind or even train yourself to act out of love instead of selfish pride.

## TAKE ACTION

1. Is selfish pride a possible blind spot for you? Give someone you trust permission to tell you something they think you don't want to hear. Promise them you'll only listen and not get defensive. Take to heart what they tell you.
2. Show love to someone in your Little Iowa by volunteering with a [PLC Local Partner](#) or listening to a neighbor without correcting, fixing or defending anything.
3. Maybe your selfish pride has damaged a relationship. Take the step this week to repair it by apologizing and asking for forgiveness.

## RESOURCES

1. Watch *Freedom From Pride* and *Antidote to Arrogance* on RightNow Media.
2. Read *Pride Versus Humility* by Derek Prince.
3. Listen to the podcast *How Do I Kill My Pride?*