



**TRAIL TIP:**

**A Knot in your Rope makes it hard to use.**

**Galatians 5:1**

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*

When you first learn to rope you try to get the technique right, but the rope gets tangled up in knots. Sometimes you knock your hat off, sometimes the rope is over your own head and you are tangled up in the rope. With time you get the hang of it and start hitting the jake steer instead of yourself.

This is the time you need to watch out! As you get better at doing something you are tempted to get proud. We all have a sin nature and pride is a temptation to all of us.

In 2 Samuel 24: 10-14 is the record of King David and when he got a knot in his rope. He dropped his guard and let pride get out of control.

King David knew he was God chosen to be King of Israel. God has a job picked out for you too, but just like King David, if your pride gets out of control, you can't get the job done right.

King David wanted to stay humble. He knew that his position and power came from God. IF you can remember that also, then you will accomplish what God has in mind. However, the problems begin when you think that your skills and your work have a lot to do with your success. When you get to that place; watch out.

King David let his pride problem get a big knot in his rope. David wanted to know how many people HE ruled over. God had instructed him specifically not to take a census. He ignored God and decided to do it anyway. His right hand man, Joab, warned him, but he was too full of pride to listen to anyone on the matter.

Did you know that your pride problems will not only mess up your life, but it will also hurt other people as well?

King David numbered the people and many people suffered. You can read the story in 2 Samuel 24.

Anytime you do not obey God, you get a knot in your rope. Things are just not going to work out right. Time to work on that knot in your rope?

**2 Peter 2:20**

*For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.*

