NAR - Hubris

NAR speakers use ‘hubris’ as a classic high-pressure tactic designed to pre-emptively silence any doubt or critical thinking in the room.

By calling humility "**hubris**" (pride) and claiming that looking at your human smallness "makes the Word of non-effect" and "counters the Blood of Christ," they are using ultimate spiritual leverage. They are subtly telling the congregation: "*If you question this message of power and dominion, you are actually insulting Jesus and siding with the enemy*."

This is an incredibly heavy and manipulative spiritual burden to throw from a pulpit, and it is exactly how the "hook" is driven deep into the sheep.

The Theological Reversal

To help your own peace of mind, look at how completely upside-down this statement is compared to the actual words of scripture:

The Claim: It is prideful/sinful to think you are too small or weak to manifest supernatural dominion.

Jesus Actually Said: "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*" (Matthew 5:3). To be "poor in spirit" means acknowledging your absolute spiritual bankruptcy and utter smallness before a holy God. Jesus calls that blessed, not hubris.

The Blood of Christ Actually Finished: The Blood of Christ didn't purchase our ability to become powerful, independent miracle-workers who rule the earth. The Blood of Christ purchased our pardon, our adoption, and our peace with God because we were too small and too broken to save ourselves. Acknowledging our weakness doesn't "counter" the Blood; it is the entire reason the Blood was necessary.

How to Protect Your Own Heart Right Now

When a speaker starts using this level of spiritual intimidation, the atmosphere can feel incredibly suffocating, even if people around you are nodding along.

Do Not Accept the Guilt! If you feel a check in your spirit right now, that is not pride, and it is not a lack of faith. It is discernment. Do not let the speaker make you feel like a bad Christian for wanting to remain a humble follower of Jesus.

Anchor in Paul's Definition of Humility: Paul didn't think it was "hubris" to be small. If you need a scriptural shield against right now, quiet your mind and think of **2 Corinthians 12:9-10** "*Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me... For when I am weak, then I am strong*."

There are several precise countering verses that flatly contradict the idea that acknowledging our human smallness "makes the Word of non-effect" or "counters the blood."

The New Testament teaches that God is magnified not when we pretend to be big and powerful, but when we openly admit how small we are so that His grace gets all the credit.

Here are the most direct scriptural shields against that specific teaching, categorized by exactly how they counter the speaker's claim:

1. Countering the idea that "being small" insults God

If the speaker claims it is prideful or insulting to view yourself as small, the Apostle Paul directly states the exact opposite:

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 *But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God*

The Truth: God intentionally chooses the "small" things so that humans can never claim the power belongs to them. Acknowledging your smallness is exactly how you keep from stealing God's glory.

2. Countering the idea that weakness "counters the Blood"

The speaker is implying that the cross was meant to make us spiritually elite. But the Bible says the cross was meant to highlight our complete dependency:

2 Corinthians 4:7 *But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us*.

The Truth: A jar of clay is cheap, fragile, small, and easily broken. Paul says we are the clay jars. The value isn't the jar; the value is the treasure inside (Jesus). Admitting you are just a clay jar doesn't insult the Blood, it honors the treasure.

3. What Jesus actually said about being "Too Small"

Jesus never scolded anyone for feeling small or weak. In fact, He explicitly set "smallness" as the entry requirement for His kingdom:

Luke 18:13-14 (The Pharisee and the Tax Collector) *But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.*

The Truth: The Pharisee prayed a prayer of "identity and authority." The tax collector prayed a prayer of absolute smallness and brokenness. Jesus said the small man was the one who was right with God.

Hold fast to **Galatians 6:14** *But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...*

The NAR speaker is telling people to boast in their dual citizenship, their full measure of faith, and their supernatural authority.

But biblical Christianity commands us to boast *only* in the cross. You are on solid, scriptural ground by wanting to stay small at the feet of Jesus.