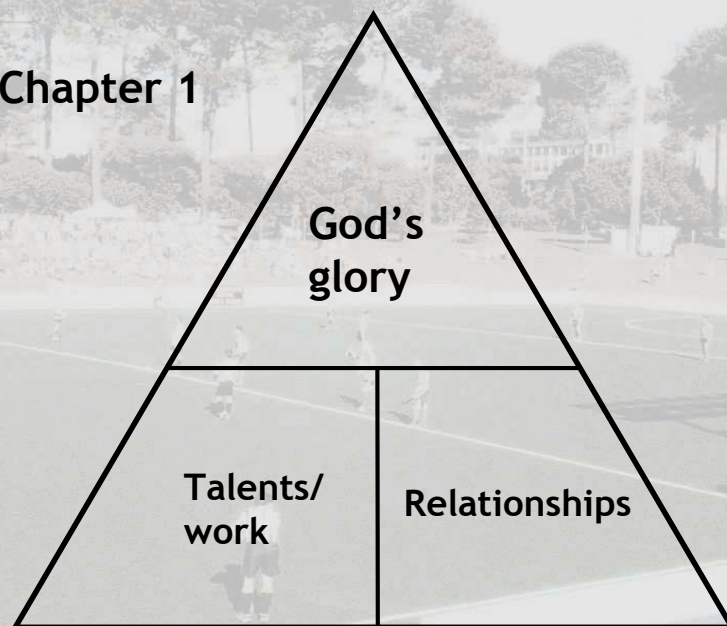


## Colossians 4:2-6: pray-play-say!

- 2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
- 3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.
- 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.
- 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.
- 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone

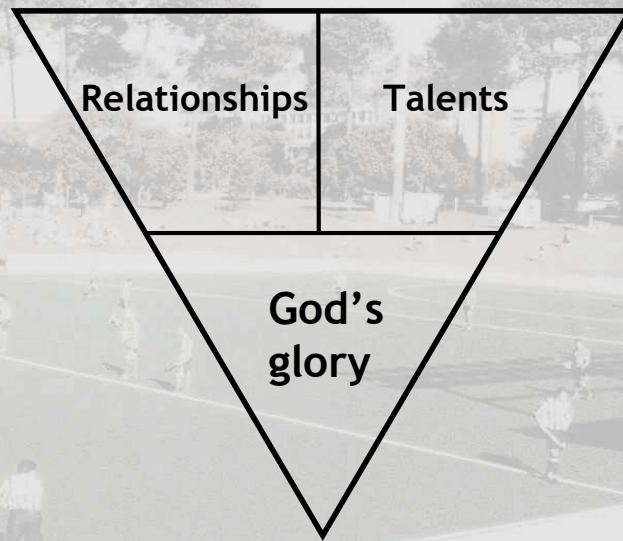
## Born to play?

Genesis Chapter 1



*"God is into making much of God. Spend your life making God look good"* John Piper

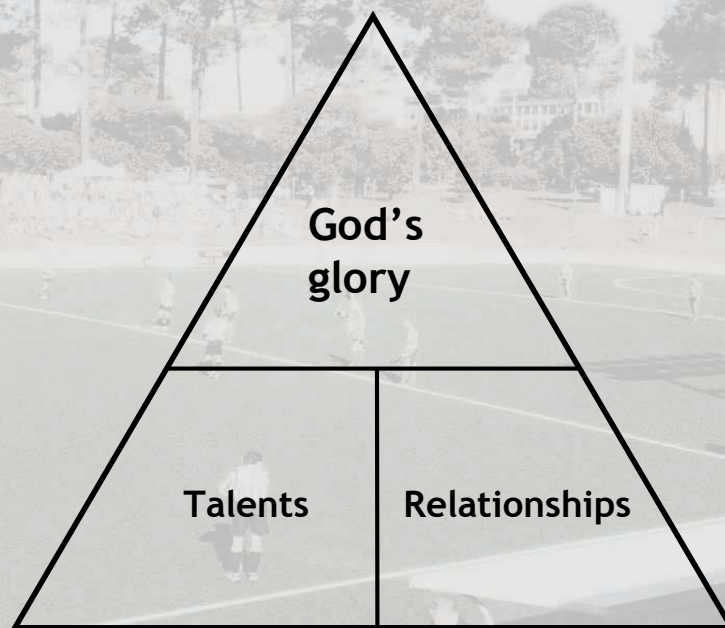
## Poor substitute: Audience of me



*“...basketball was the be-all, end-all of my existence...  
The problem was, basketball was just a game; but I  
was treating it like it was a god.”*

Luke Ridnour, NBA Seattle Sonics.

## Restoration begins: Audience of One!



**Because of God's mercy...**

## Audience of One: How might this look?

*“The fact that the human body can jump 18.29 m is testimony to what a great creator God we serve. But I think it is more in the way I come across as I win or as I lose, and in my attitude to my fellow competitors, that God is glorified than in the actual distances I jump”*

Jonathan Edwards, former triple jump world record holder

## Romans 12:1-2 (TNIV)

- 1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is true worship.
- 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

## Audience of One? At Sportsfest 08?

- How do will we respond to the referees?
- How will the way we play affect yet-Christians on our team and new-believers on other church teams?
- How will the way we play continue to point fellow Christians more to Jesus at Sportsfest 08?
- Do we try and bend the rules because winning Sportsfest 08 is more important to us that honouring God?
- How will we respond if we win Sportsfest again? How will we respond if another church wins Sportsfest? Bentley? Mounties?
- How will I respond if I perform well at Sportsfest 08?
- Do I...



## ...play for the AUDIENCE OF ONE ?!

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**Pray for the 2 friends you've committed to pray for as we work towards Sportsfest and beyond**

**Think and pray about the way you act in sport, at work, in your social groups: Do I 'play' to the AUDIENCE OF ONE?**