

**Think It Over:** This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

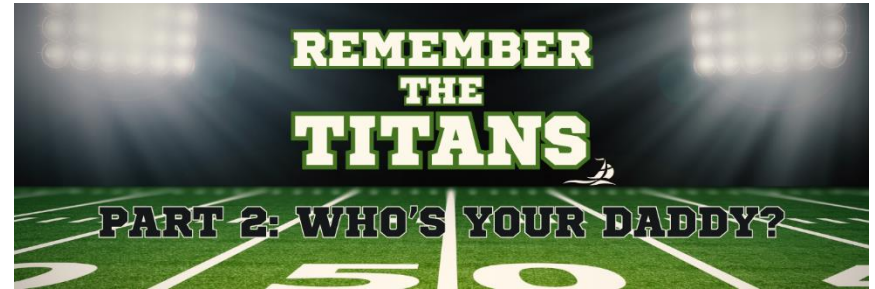
- The question "Who's your Daddy" at first could be offensive but when Coach Boone asked it in *Remember the Titans*, what is he getting at? Who are the so-called "Daddies" in our world, our culture, our community? Have you ever seen or had a person, a way of life, a pursuit, or a desire in a sense become someone else's or your "Daddy"? What happened?
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 from the Message Guide and make observations along the way. Who were the "Daddies" at the Corinthian church? Why was it easy for that kind of thing to happen? Read 1 John 2:15-16 MSG. How does the love of the world squeeze out love for God? Read 1 John 5:3. How do we show love for God? Where could your love for God squeeze out some love for the world?
- Read 1 Peter 2:11. Reflect on a time where you felt like an alien or stranger in this world. Read Colossians 3:1-2. The more we set our hearts and minds on things above, the more our comfort level in this world will decrease. How comfortable are you?
- Read Isaiah 55:1-3. What is the good news that Isaiah shares? What is the bad news? What are the long-term unsatisfying pursuits which need to be replaced with the richest fare? When and how does a person begin?
- Read 1 Samuel 18:5-9. Have you ever felt like Saul? Read James 4:1 MSG. How do James' words speak to relational tension in your life? Identify a deep-hearted, self-interested desire that creates quarreling. What can you do about it? Will you do anything about it?
- Read John 4:34-38. How often are you aware of the big picture that Jesus described? What would it take for your awareness to become a burning passion? Are you intentionally traveling in fields that are ripe for harvest?
- Review the ↻ *Playing for your Daddy* section. Where do you think you are at? How will you own the idea of playing like the win depends on you? How can we take that too far? How do you live in the tension of that?

**Next Steps:** Again, don't miss that this week's message connects with all relationships (marriage, family, team, work, neighbors) not just those inside a church. What could you do to minimize your EGO (see acrostic from Message Guide) opening your life to more and more of God's presence?

**Changing Your Mind:** Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.



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1 Corinthians 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup>[Family, friends], when I was there, I could not talk to you the way I talk to people who are led by the Spirit. I had to talk to you like ordinary people of the world. You were like babies in Christ [content only when everything's going your way]. (ERV MSG, DFS)

<sup>2</sup> And the teaching I gave you was like milk, not solid food. I did this because you were not ready for solid food. And even now you are not ready.<sup>3</sup> You are still not following the Spirit. You are jealous of each other, and you are always arguing with each other. This shows that you are still following your own selfish desires. You are acting like ordinary people of the world. (ERV, MSG, DFS)

<sup>4</sup>When one of you says, "I'm on Paul's side," and another says, "I'm for Apollos," you're acting like people without the Spirit's influence. (MSG, TPT)

<sup>5</sup>Is Apollos so important? Is Paul so important? We are only servants of God who helped you believe. Each one of us did the work God gave us to do. (ERV)

<sup>6</sup>I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plants, but God made you grow. <sup>7</sup>It's not the one who plants or the one who waters who is at the center of this process but God, who makes things grow. (MSG)

<sup>8</sup>[We] Apollos and I are working as a team. We are one (in importance and value, working toward the same purpose-vision), though each of us will be rewarded for his own hard work. <sup>9</sup>What makes them worth doing is the God we are serving... (LB, EB, MSG, DFS)

### ↻ Playing for Yourself

<sup>15</sup>Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. <sup>16</sup>Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. 1 John 2:15-16 MSG

<sup>11</sup>*Dear friends, you are like visitors and strangers in this world. So I beg you to keep your lives free from the evil things you want to do, those desires that fight against your true selves.* 1 Peter 2:11 ERV

*Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves cozy in it. Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul.* 1 Peter 2:11 MSG

## Edging God Out

### ➔ Playing for yourself limits your...

- ...enjoyment of the finer things. (1 Corinthians 3:2)

<sup>1</sup>*“All who are thirsty, come to the water! Are you penniless? Come anyway—buy and eat... <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money on junk food, your hard-earned cash on cotton candy? Listen to me, listen well: Eat only the best, fill yourself with only the finest. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention, come close now, listen carefully to my life-giving, life-nourishing words...* Isaiah 55:1–3 MSG

- ...appreciation of others. (1 Corinthians 3:3a)

1 Samuel 18:5-9 NIV

<sup>1</sup>*Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves.* James 4:1 MSG

- ...view of the big picture. (1 Corinthians 3:3b-4)

<sup>20</sup>*You died with Christ and were made free from the powers that influence this world. So why do you act as if you still belong to the world? I mean, why do you follow rules like these?* Colossians 2:20 ERV

<sup>35</sup>*Do you think the work of harvesting will not begin until the summer ends four months from now? Look around you! Vast fields of human souls are ripening all around us, and are ready now for reaping.* John 4:35 LB

**Our Mission:** We exist to make a difference in people's lives, wherever they are, by leading them into a growing relationship with God through Christ.

### ➔ Playing for your Daddy

<sup>15</sup>*So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." [It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?"]* Romans 8:15 NLT, MSG

- You play like this world is not your team.

<sup>15</sup>*Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. <sup>16</sup>...It just isolates you from him. <sup>17</sup>The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.* 1 John 2:15–17 MSG

- You play like you're not in a Holy Huddle.

<sup>21</sup>*...I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. <sup>23</sup>I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it!* 1 Corinthians 9:21–23 MSG

- You play like the win depends on you.

<sup>20</sup>*So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is like God is calling to people through us. We speak for Christ when we beg you to be at peace with God.* 2 Corinthians 5:20 Voice

## Bottom Line:

Don't mistake playing with God  
for playing for God.

To help you turn what God is saying to you into action steps, consider using the Think It Over section on the back.