

It's Not About Me

READY

There was a man named John who was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light.—[John 1:6-8](#)

SET

John reminds us to focus on God, and not think highly of ourselves. I once spoke at an event for a large number of kids. Before me, another speaker fumbled through his words in a monotone voice. As I listened, my sinful side said, “Dude, those kids are going to love you compared to this guy.” I couldn’t believe what I was thinking. My pride rose up and I hadn’t even stepped on stage. I was soon reminded, it’s not about me. The host introduced me as a youth pastor—which I’m not; and in the closing prayer, thanked God for me—using the wrong name. I drove home laughing. Those kids had no idea who I was or where I worked.

God sent John the Baptist to tell everyone about the true light. His mission in life was to point others to Jesus Christ. John knew it wasn’t about him. He didn’t allow his pride to swell. He was content with not receiving the glory, because he knew all the glory belonged to God.

God blesses us with gifts and talents, allowing us to succeed. Let’s thank Him for our talents, gifts, and success, and point others to Him. I was wrong for thinking highly of myself. I’m here to point to Jesus.

GO

1. How do you feel when athletes take all the glory?
2. When have you taken all the glory or allowed your pride to swell up?
3. How can you point others to Jesus?