

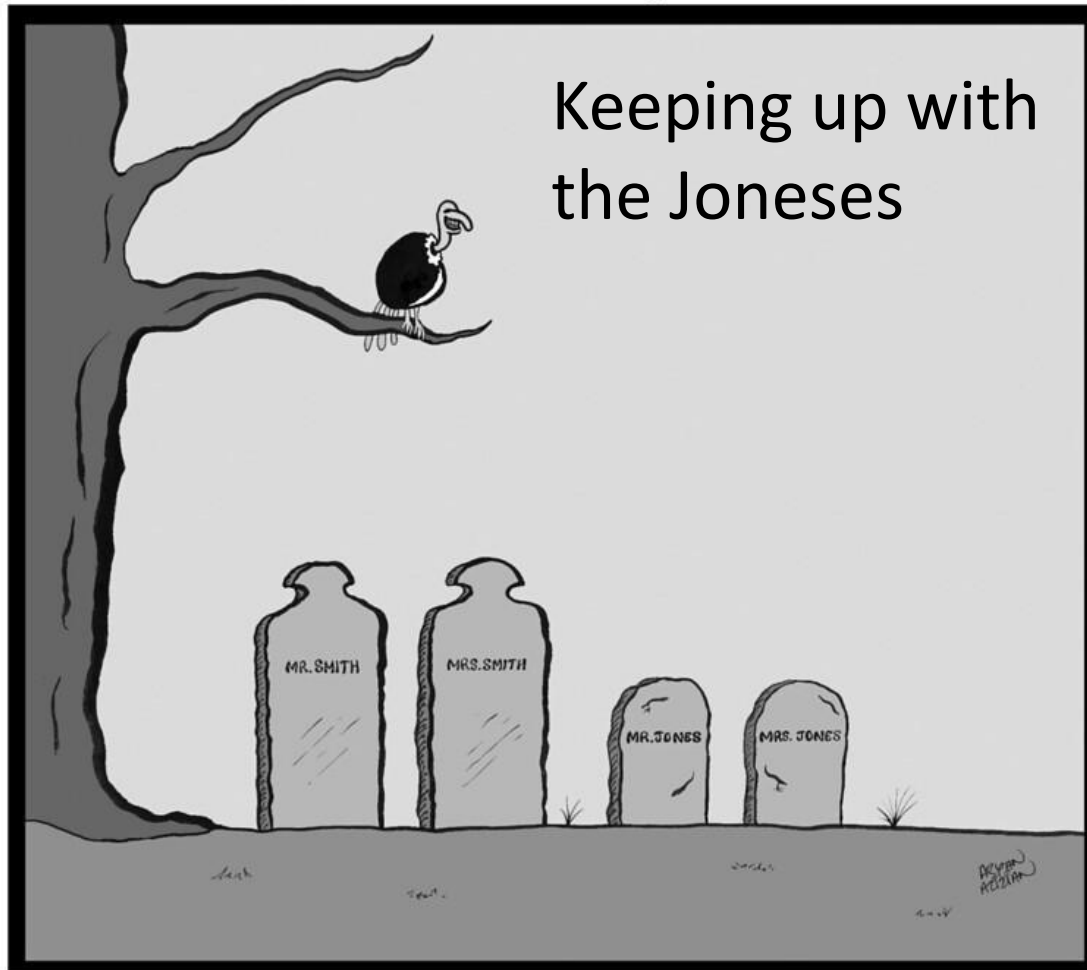
# According to the grace given us

Romans 12:3-8

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# The Problem of Comparison

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<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. (Rom 12:3 NIV)



# Hike trip to Beautiful Sikkim and Kolkata in India



# Cain and Abel (1)

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<sup>NIV</sup> **Genesis 4:1** Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."

<sup>2</sup> Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.

<sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.





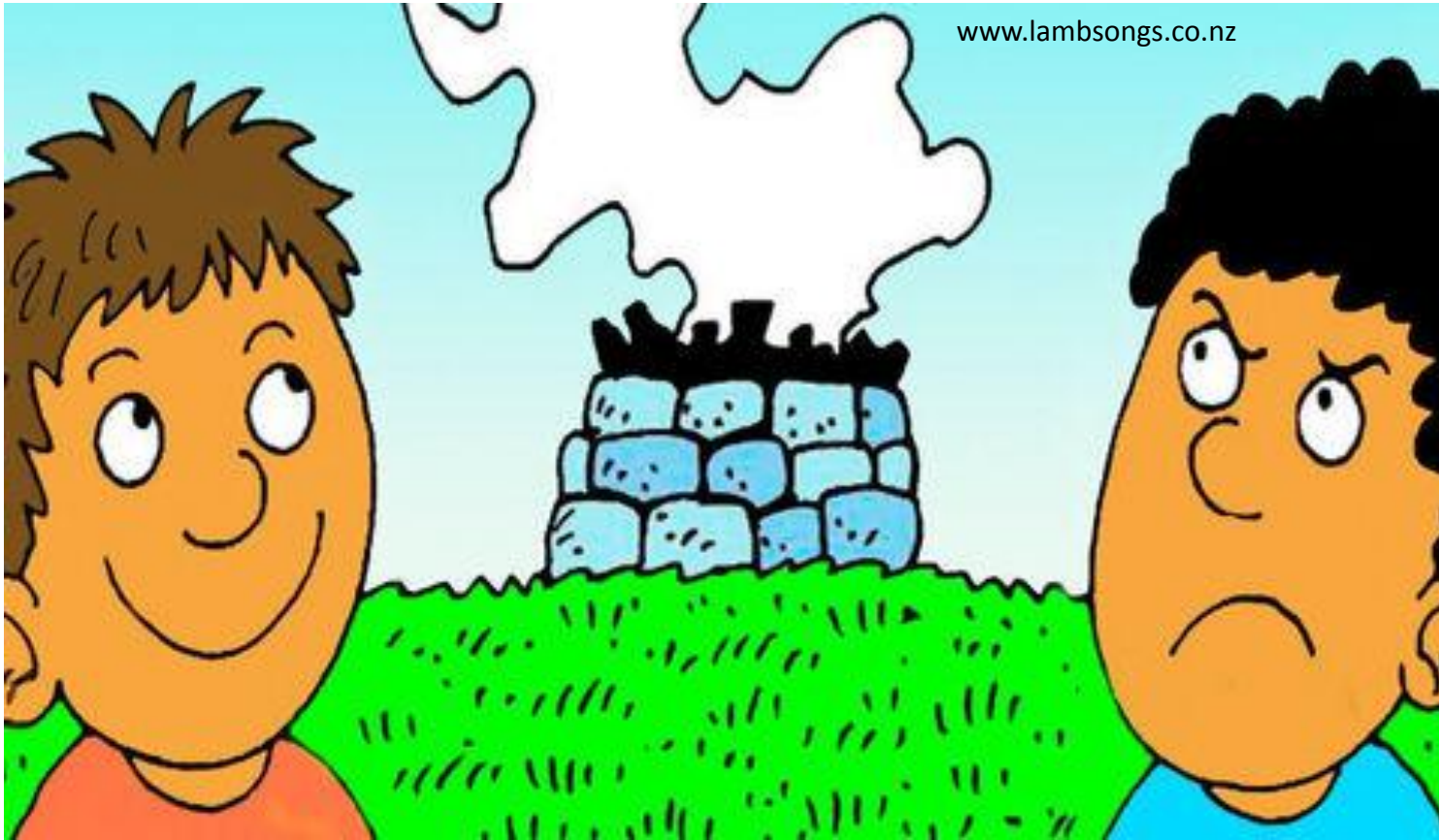
## Cain and Abel (2)

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<sup>NIV</sup> **Genesis 4:4** But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,

<sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?"



## Cain and Abel (3)

<sup>NIV</sup> **Genesis 4:7** If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

<sup>8</sup> Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.



1. To *Recognize* my role in Christ's body as God-given and not man-made

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<sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. (Rom 12:6 NIV)







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<sup>12</sup> We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

<sup>13</sup> We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will ***confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us***, a field that reaches even to you. (2Cor 10:12-13 NIV)

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## 2. To *Appreciate* everyone's different roles in Christ's body

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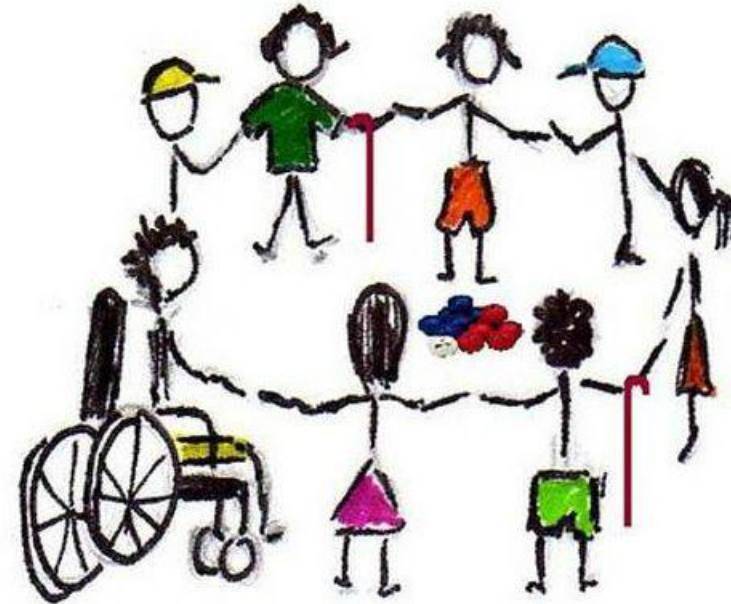
<sup>4</sup> Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,

<sup>5</sup> so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

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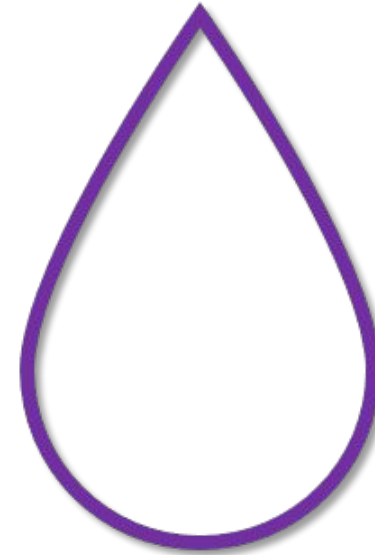
(Rom 12:4-6 NIV)

### Romans 12:4-5



**Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.**

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<sup>ESV</sup> **Romans 12:15** Rejoice with those who rejoice,  
weep with those who weep. (Rom 12:15 ESV)



# TWNAF Workshop

## Workbook

**“The more useless  
they are,  
the more valuable  
they become.”**

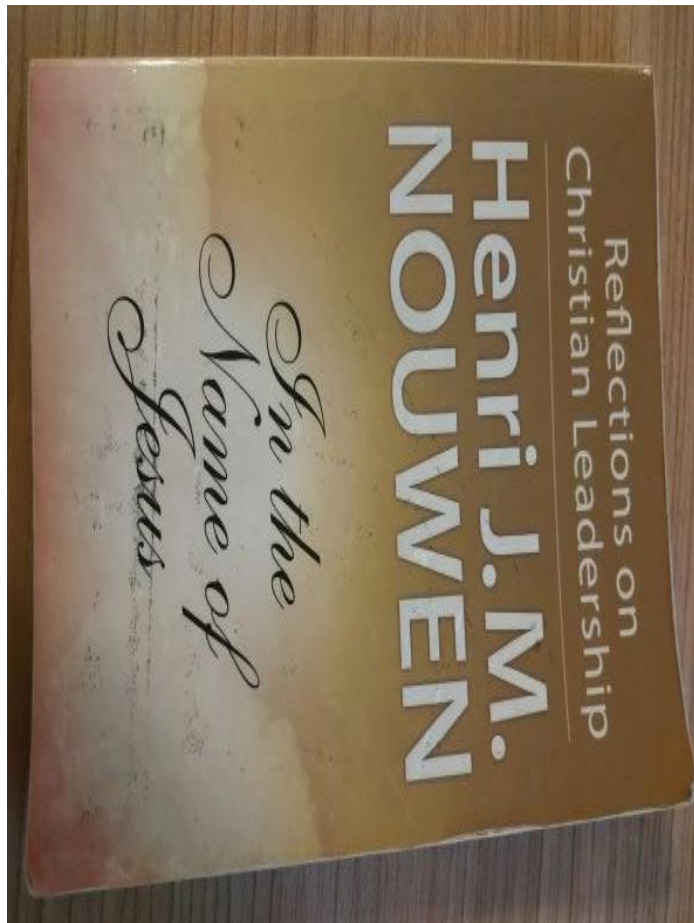
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helping fathers bring heaven home

# “We are doing this together”

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### 3. Everyone to *Wholeheartedly* fulfil their roles

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<sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.

<sup>7</sup> If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;

<sup>8</sup> if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

(Rom 12:6-8 NIV)

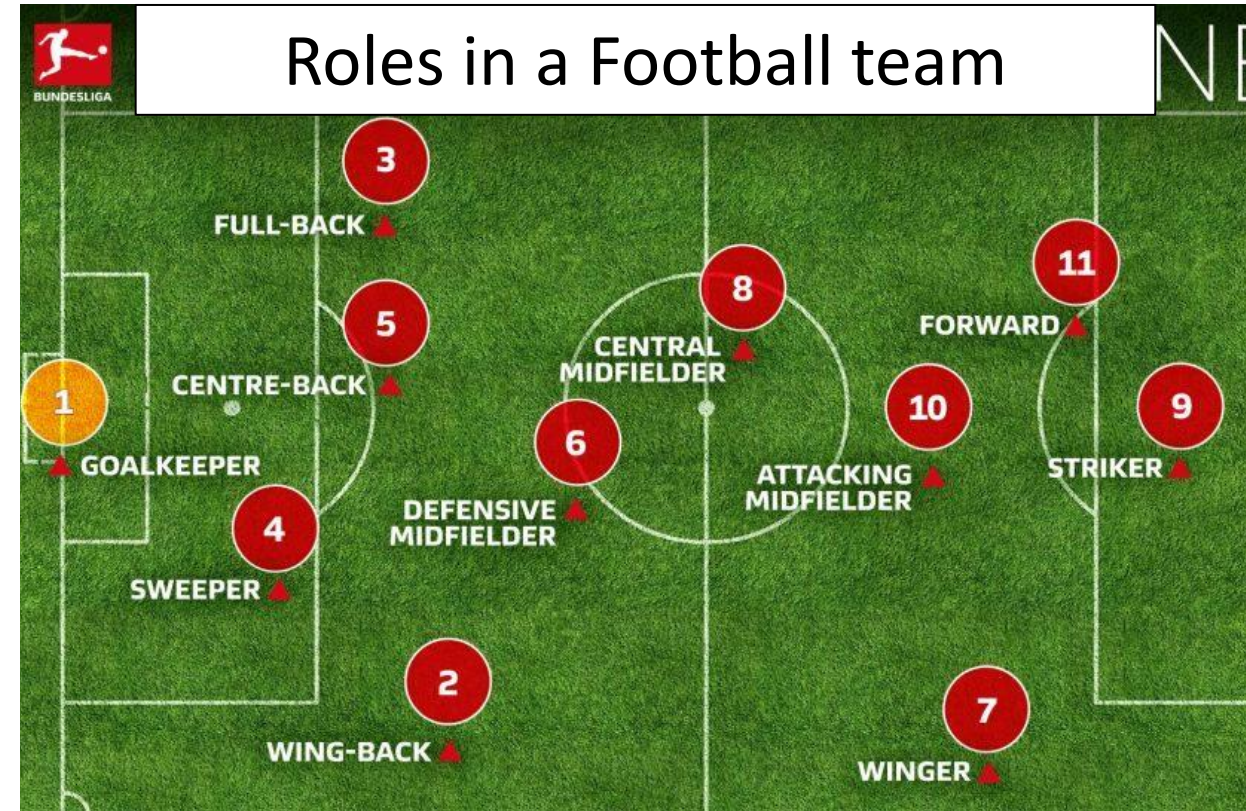


## Roles in an Orchestra



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## Roles in a Football team



<https://www.bundesliga.com/en/bundesliga/news/soccer-positions-explained-names-numbers-what-they-do-2579-786>

<sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

<sup>18</sup> But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. (1Cor 12:17-18 NIV)





# Feeding Penang Trishaw Riders

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