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“Talent and the Lack Thereof”

Some of the folks auditioning for these TV talent shows are so bad you have to wonder if it's a setup, like maybe they're only there to provide good targets for the quips and criticisms of the judges. If these contestants were serious about their singing aspirations, someone in their family would've stopped em before they got on national TV. At least that's the way it worked in my world.

On the other hand, I definitely understand their desire to perform. Maybe you've heard me mention my lifetime desire to sing like Loretta Lynn. I don't need to sing for Simon to see that's not going to happen. As a kid, I bemoaned the fact that I couldn't sing and everyone else in my musically gifted family could. Why? I'd ask my southern Mama, who would soothe my hurt feelings by pointing out that I had good hair. Good hair or not, I wanted to sing and I complained to anyone who would listen that the whole thing was grossly unfair!

As a mature adult, I no longer think that some things in life are unfair. I know they are! But that's okay, because I know that where it really matters, we all start out shoulder to shoulder. The word says that each man is given a measure of faith to believe in God. Look at that a minute. You've been given the same measure of faith that Billy Graham was born with, or Mother Teresa. In other words, unlike a game show with an intimidating judge, the only

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hindrance in your developing an intimate relationship with the Father is the one you yourself allow. You can be a winner in the only game that matters: Life!



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