

Something in between



**Jordan River**



**Gaza Wall**



**Great Wall of China**

# Psalm 100 (New International Version)

*1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

*2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

*3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

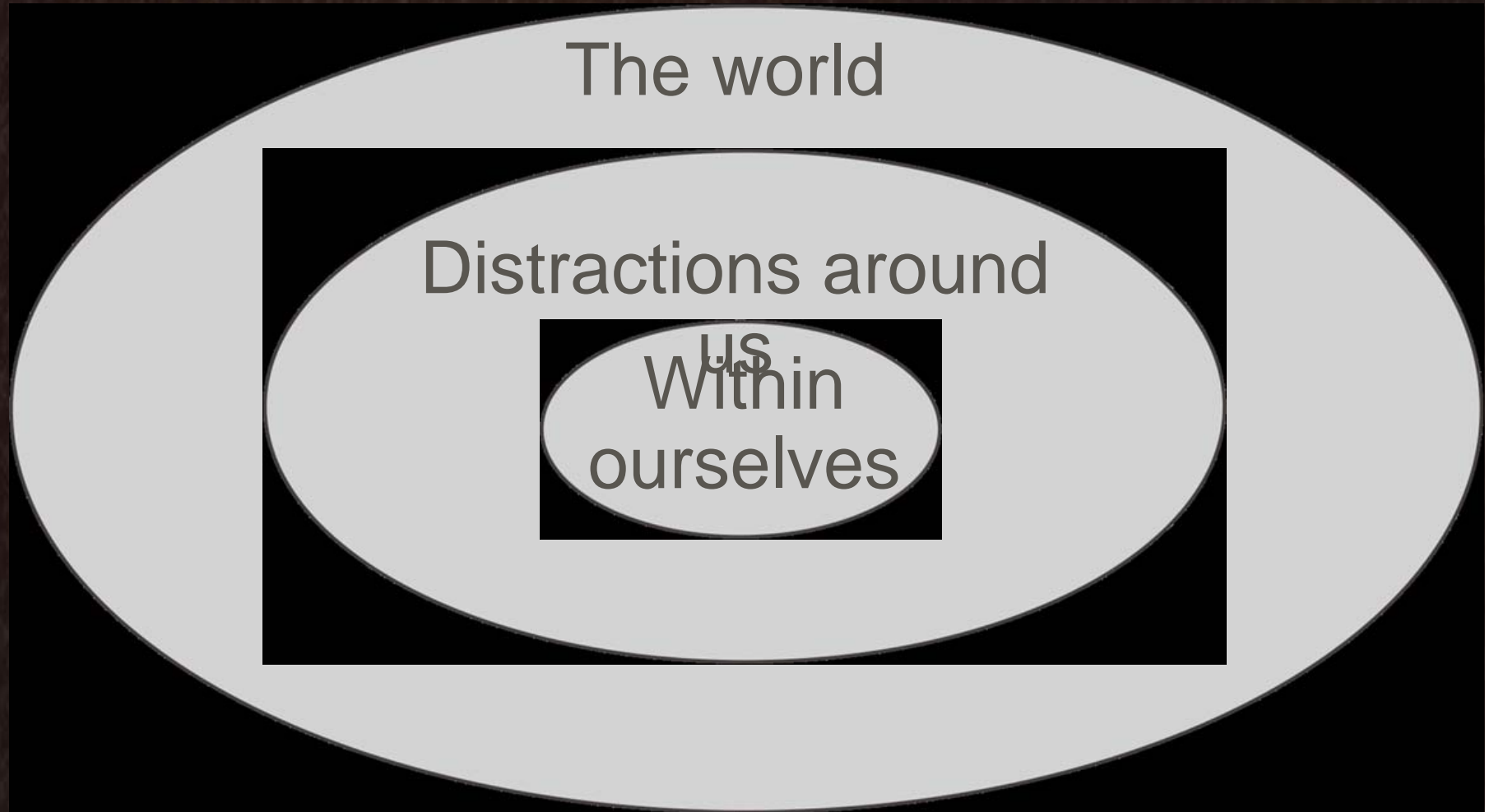
*4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

# Something in between

*hinders our experience  
with God during Worship*

# 3 categories



# Hindrances with ourselves

1. *The lack of physical rest*
2. *Faulty concept of God*
3. *Unconfessed and unforsaken sin*
4. *Critical attitude*

# Distractions around us

*Those around us often distract us  
from worship*

# Common distractions

1. *People strolling into the church late*
2. *People writing and passing notes to each other*
3. *Someone in front looking around with rubber neck*
4. *Babies crying*
5. *Someone whispering or talking*
6. *Someone unwrapping sweet wrappers*

# Common distractions

1. *We can overcome distractions*
2. *It is within us to overcome*
3. *Ask God to help*

# The world can hinder us

1. *Fun*
2. *Money*
3. *Pleasures*
4. *Fame*

Man

God

Pleasure  
Fortune  
Fame  
In  
Between



Brad Pitt



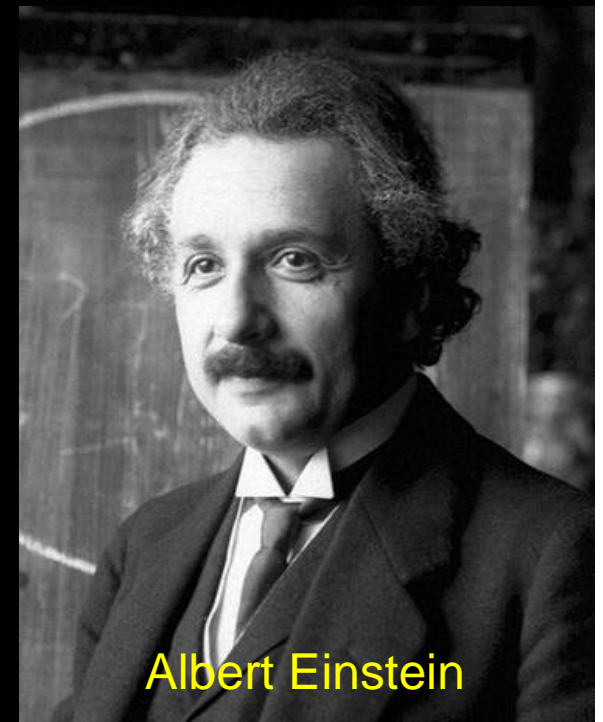
Bill Gates



King Solomon



Hugh Hefner



Albert Einstein

## *Amusement Ecc 2:2*

*<sup>2</sup> “Laughter,” I said, “is foolish. And what does pleasure accomplish?”*

## *Pleasure Ecc 2:3*

*<sup>3</sup> I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—my mind still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was worthwhile for men to do under heaven during the few days of their lives.*

## *Luxurious homes Ecc 2:4-6*

*<sup>4</sup> I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards.*

*<sup>5</sup> I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them.*

*<sup>6</sup> I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees.*

## *Possessions Ecc 2:7*

*7 I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me.*

## **Treasures Ecc 2:8a**

*8a I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces.*

## **Entertainment Ecc 2:8b**

*8b I acquired men and women singers,*

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# Conclusion

*What hinders you from worshiping in  
spirit and in truth?*

*God to be our guide, teacher and  
helper*

*Listen and obey the Holy Spirit within  
us*