

ON FIRE for God

by Zoro

I GAVE MY HEART TO JESUS at a Baptist summer church camp at the age of 8 and have been on an incredible journey with the Lord ever since. In the past 27 years I have had the rare privilege of hanging and working with some of the most celebrated names in the world. I have seen first hand all that this world has to offer and what so many crave, covet and run after with all their hearts.

What fires me up more today for God than anything is the revelation that without Christ the world has absolutely nothing to offer! Without him it's all emptiness and void of any spiritual power to satisfy and save the soul! I wholeheartedly thank God for that vantage point and as I travel the world playing, preaching, motivating, mentoring and encouraging, my goal is to build up believers and lead as many of the lost as possible to the cross of Jesus.

In recent years the Lord has brought about great change in my life that was only accomplished through Christian music. Somehow the Holy Spirit began to take me into a deeper walk with him and gave me a greater understanding of what worship was and what it alone is able to do.

Those who know me know me as a man of passion, especially in regards to my love of God, family and music. I have over 6000 CDs in my music collection, but oddly enough, the only thing I listen to these days is Christian music. Why? Because it is the only thing that takes me into the presence of God and now that I have truly learned how to enter in, it's a place I rarely want to leave.

Christian music has brought me to such a close place with the Lord and has radically changed every aspect of my life. Nothing has had the power to do that quite like music. It ignited a flame in my heart that has gotten me absolutely on fire for God.

When I check into a hotel now, the first thing I do is put in my in ear monitors, turn on my I-Pod and put on my favorite worship music. This gets me into the presence of God as I unpack and get my stuff situated and fills my spirit with him for the battles that lie ahead. There's rarely a night that goes by where I do not fall asleep to music that glorifies God. I can't begin to tell you what that's done for my walk with God and my desire to serve him, know him and allow him to live through me! It's been an awesome transformation that

continues daily. It has led to great healing, restoration, breakthrough and a strong desire to pursue holiness, purity of heart and righteous living.

I just want to thank you all for what you do and to encourage you that whatever your role is in the business, to keep fighting the good fight through the music. Music has an incomprehensible power that is able to lead us to his throne room where we are changed.

This is why it is so very important for all of us who have been called to serve the king, "to be in the world, but not of it." Our calling is so much higher and has eternal consequences written all over it. We were chosen for this generation to accomplish things that we alone were specifically called to do. One day we will give an account of our stewardship for the gifts, positions and purposes he has entrusted us with. Let us perform what we do with all diligence, humility, honor, honesty and respect, knowing that the Lord sees all and will reward accordingly.

Let us also guard against getting so caught up in the business of what we do that we lose sight of the purpose for which we do it. The only business I want to concern myself with is my heavenly father's business, the advancement of his kingdom and letting people see for themselves just who it is that dwells within me.

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