

COOLER THAN ROCK 'N ROLL

Trading the Tabloids for the Truth

BY ZORO

Throughout my career as a rock 'n roll drummer, I have met and hung out with many well-known celebrities. You might be thinking, *Wow, how cool is that?* But the absolute coolest thing I have experienced in my life has been walking with Jesus!

Meeting a famous person may be exciting for a moment, but knowing and walking with God—what we were created for—is deep, intimate and fulfilling.

Rock of Ages

Celebrity or not, everyone who has made the mistake of trying to fill their life with anything other than God has met grave disappointment. History provides countless examples of such people.

God has left us an empty place in our spirit that is reserved for only Him. It cannot be filled with the things of this world. Sex, drugs, rock 'n roll, power and wealth will never be able to satisfy your soul. The only thing that can do that is a relationship with Jesus. Once you commit to that relationship, He will begin

to restore, heal, cleanse, direct, position and prosper you simply because He loves you and wants to use you!

Just the Way You Are

The big mistake people often make is to think that the Lord can't use them. In their view, they lack some quality, and that deficiency disqualifies them for service. You don't have to be a pastor, achieve notoriety, or attain perfection before God can use you to accomplish His purposes. He can use you right now *just* the way you are if you are willing to let Him.

You need to take God out of the box you put Him in, and realize that nothing can contain His endless mercy, grace and creativity. God created us to be original; we all have unique gifts, skills, talents and influence. Stop trying to be someone other than yourself and do the work He has called you to do.

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Ephesians 2:10 says, *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* If you care more about what others think of you than what God thinks, you will never be able to do the great works He has planned for you.

On the Road

Even though you live in a phony world with false values, it is still possible to live a genuinely righteous life for Christ by making godly, moral choices. Without shame, I am committed to letting Him use all He has given me to do those good works.

Holiness will never blend in with the world because God's people are called to walk a road less traveled—the path of righteousness. That doesn't mean being an arrogant hypocrite. People need to be able to relate to you if you are going to have an impact. Strive to be the light of God and refuse to follow the lost masses. Instead, illuminate their paths by demonstrating love in real and relevant ways so they can find their way to Jesus.

Now I ask you, what could possibly be cooler than to do the will of God and fulfill your purpose on earth? **☛**

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