

# THE NEW SEASON

It's a new season, and as many of us have experienced, it's different than I expected. Here's what I mean...

God has transitioned me from touring, to speaking and writing, and then into church ministry. In this recent season as a pastor, I grew as a communicator and spiritual mentor. In the process, my vision and heart for people has expanded even more.

Now, I'm called to reach out to wider audiences and have a broader impact. ***But I need prayer and financial support.***

I must prepare and present sound Bible teaching that's real, relevant, and relatable, but not watered-down.

I must reach people in the arenas God has called me.

I must help people begin a new relationship with God, and help established believers to become all that God has called them to be.

I must help believers understand how to be *in* the world, *without compromise*—to love and be a light.

I must say YES to every opportunity to make a difference regardless of financial return. This is my calling.

In doing God's work for many years, I've learned to live by faith, which is humbling, and for that I am grateful. If I had the resources, I would finance all these endeavors myself. (In fact, I think most ministers and believers feel that way). So I must trust God, and fellow believers like you, to come alongside me as partners.

This is God's way, as scripture makes clear in 1 Corinthians 9, and I embrace it in this new season of adventure.

“What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge.”



At a recent men's retreat in Montana.  
What an honor to speak into these lives!

# THE OPPORTUNITY

By the favor God graciously gives, I can go places and talk with people that many can't. I want to reach more of these people, through speaking engagements, small gatherings, and one-on-one conversations.

Amazing ministry opportunities are open, but I am at a loss to be able to take them without your support. With your support, I can begin moving on all of these, and we can see tremendous fruit.

**In a way only God could orchestrate, the following initiatives have already been set in motion:**

- My memoir, *Maria's Scarf*, will be released April 30, 2024.
- Podcast
- New messages to share in print and online
- More time for discipleship with my ever-growing network of relationships.



Click here to watch the book trailer

Some of these outreaches are public, but much amazing work happens with God outside the spotlight. And it's my honor to share these stories with friends and partners who support this ministry with tax-deductible donations.

*Many people look at my old touring photos and assume I shared in the artist's financial success. Truth is, these were "tent-making" gigs that allowed me to support my family and be a witness.*

I'm rich in stories and vision. Because God has kept relationships in this arena open, I'm in an amazing spot as a missionary to the entertainment world, and also an exhorter, encourager, and strengthener to believers in the church.

***Will you consider partnering with me as a monthly financial supporter?*** One-time donations are also very much needed and appreciated in this season.

As always, my wife and I are committed to transparency and integrity in all our communications about the ministry. We'll always share what's happening—both the challenges and the wonders.

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Regardless of financial support, I value your prayers and would love to hear about what's new in your world. Here's my contact info:  
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Zoro & family

# ENDORSEMENTS

In addition to the endorsements I've received in my music career, I want to share these below with you. Why? Because I'm in awe at the favor God has given me, and the doors He has opened. These relationships are a sign that I'm on the right path.

*"Zoro's memoir is about trying when it's hard, failing when it was unexpected and persisting in between. These pages aren't just about how to live a beautiful life when it's easy, but how to press forward with tenacity and courage—and love when life is hard."*

—**Bob Goff**,  
bestselling author of *Love Does*,  
*Everybody Always*, and *Dream Big*

*"You can't be satisfied with the status quo after reading SOAR!"*

—**Mark Batterson**,  
bestselling author and lead pastor of  
National Community Church

*"His wisdom goes beyond music. He offers life lessons that will encourage anyone."*

—**Toby Mac**,  
Grammy Award-winning Christian Recording Artist

*"You owe it to yourself to devour Zoro's message."*

—**Dr. Wess Stafford**,  
President Emeritus, Compassion International

*"Zoro has a tremendous passion for ministry and sharing the gospel. I immediately connected with his desire to communicate God's truths in a real and down-to-earth way."*

—**Joyce Meyer**,  
bestselling author and teacher

*"Zoro's heart, discipline, and passion are what propelled him to greatness. His life lessons are about using your God-given talents to the maximum."*

—**Lenny Kravitz**,  
Grammy Award-winning recording artist and actor

*"Zoro doesn't just share a story about a poor kid who became one of the world's elite drummers. He also shares a message of hope, the kind of hope that's only possible by taking God at His Word."*

—**Dave Ramsey**,  
bestselling author and nationally syndicated  
radio show host

*"After Zoro's visit to San Quentin State Prison, I've heard nothing but positive things from the incarcerated men inside the prison walls about his influence on them."*

—**Correctional Officer E. Thomas**,  
San Quentin State Prison

*"Zoro's message is filled with practical Godly wisdom."*

—**Kevin Sorbo**,  
Actor, director, producer, and author  
(*God's Not Dead*, *Hercules*)

*"When you look at Zoro you see a new side of God. When you listen to his story, you hear the heart of the Father."*

—**The 700 Club**





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## UNIQUELY COMMUNICATING GOD’S TRUTH

In a world hungry for straight talk, integrity, and time-tested spiritual authenticity, Zoro is a unique voice who will connect with hearts and minds of all ages and backgrounds.

His transformative memoir, *Maria’s Scarf*, chronicles his life as the biracial son of a Mexican immigrant, growing up in Compton, California. His resilient single mother raised seven children and relocated her family over thirty times, and at one point, they lived out of their car.

After becoming a follower of Christ, and transforming from a homeless kid to Zoro, he became one of the world’s most respected and celebrated drummers. But music is not where Zoro finds his identity.

Along with life on the road with music icons such as Lenny Kravitz, Frankie Valli, New Edition, and Bobby Brown, Zoro has preached the gospel of Jesus Christ and ministered encouragement worldwide for over four decades.

Whether sharing hope with inmates at San Quentin prison or bringing truth and love to impoverished children in third-world nations, college students across the United States, and the rich and famous around the globe, Zoro continues to share his faith and life lessons.

*“With a unique blend of instruction and inspiration, Zoro shows that there’s more to the man than just his music.”*

–Dave Ramsey

*New York Times* best-selling author and radio show host

Zoro has been a speaker with Compassion International, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, The Head Start Organization, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and The White House Fatherhood Champions of Change program. From 2019 to 2023, he was a staff pastor at Bayside Church in Roseville, CA, serving as a teacher, mentor, and evangelist under the leadership of Pastor Ray Johnston.

Click here to watch an inspiring message from Zoro and book him for your next event

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