

Jason Fowler's Story of Redemption

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Christian Worship artist Jason Fowler is a true testament to what Christ can do to transform your life. He grew up in an alcoholic family and saw first-hand how drugs and alcohol can destroy lives. Jason started drinking at the young age of 15 and said it "killed the fear inside him."

Jason recently sat down with *Power Source Magazine* to discuss his journey over the years. His dad, who has been sober for more than 20 years, bought Jason a guitar when he was a teenager. Jason shared that he "started searching for the things of the world to make me happy." He secured a record deal with a Southern Rock band, and, during this time, Jason became addicted to drugs and alcohol. He had a baby on the way, and, shortly after recording an album, the record label was sold. Jason felt like a failure. He said, "I went to a place where I never thought I would go."

He recalls the time in his life when he was kicked out of a drug dealer's house in the pouring rain, in his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia. All he had was his backpack and a beat-up guitar. Jason said, "I was so hopeless. I didn't think that I would ever come

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back." He shared, "I was at my lowest point. I asked God to help me, and, the next thing I know, I was in a rehab facility called the Healing Place, a Christian recovery program in Athens, Georgia. Six months into the program, I got saved at a men's conference and started getting back on my feet."

"God never left me," Jason said, "He made me for Him, seeking me out; He was just waiting on me to say that I can't." After he was saved, Jason started playing music at Celebrate Recovery. He helped start a church in downtown Atlanta called Refuge City Church and began leading worship. (refugecitychurch.us) He renewed his relationship

with his son, met his wife Tiffany in church, and they recently welcomed a baby boy. Tiffany and Jason lead a homeless ministry called Hearts Across Atlanta, a ministry through Refuge City

Church. His desire is to help others by using God's transformation of his own life. Jason explained, "My heart is to

show what God has done in my life by restoring me and giving me a new life. He has made me a brand new creation and enabled me to use those things

that I thought I would never ever recover from. Every single hurt in my life can be used for His glory because of what He has done in my life. God has created us to help other people."

Jason hopes to help others through song by sharing his story of redemption. His album, *Letters From The Inside*, is his personal journal of how God has influenced his life. Jason desires to use his life experiences to help other people. His new Worship album is described as a rebirth and a continuation, and represents a new segment in his life. The album *I Fall In* will be released around Easter. The project is about getting closer to Jesus and how Christ wants us to love people. Jason co-wrote the album with Grammy® Award-nominated Producer Billy Smiley and Jason Becker, Pastor of Refuge City Church. "With each song, we went with scripture," he said. "We wrote the songs about the teachings of Jesus. It's about getting the truth out. It's hard to express through words sometimes. By taking scripture and putting it to song and music, it can transcend people. You can feel the presence of God." With the new album, Jason wants people to realize: "No matter who you are, no matter what has happened in your life, Jesus Christ is everything and He is completely for us, loves us and He will see us out. All we have to do is seek Him and let go completely to Him." **PS**

