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“Thanks” — All the way from Ethiopia

Hi. This is Howie in Ethiopia. We received your church gift for October and want to say a special thank you for your giving. We are having the time of our lives over here going back to all the places where we once preached the Gospel long ago and now see thriving growing churches. We were at one place this past weekend which is fully surrounded by Moslems but the Christians managed to build a huge church — larger than your church building. About 200 church leaders gathered for a seminar on evangelism. It was a thrill. Old friends came rushing to us. One lady whom God had delivered from evil spirits that made her dumb — fell at our feet and wanted to kiss them. Of course we would not allow it but she was just overjoyed to see us. We too to see them. Thank you for making this possible and help us be here at this time. Howie and Jo-Ann Brant

Raising The Roof?

Pastor Chuck

As we approach the end of the year we will start seeing the “best of” lists come out. Well, I want to give you of one I have. It involves worship music. Now, when it comes to music I will admit that I am a bit of a junkie and I am aware that my tastes in music might not be what everyone else likes...however, with worship it is something we were made to enjoy and do. So here are my top three worship CDs of 2011.

3. And If Our God IS For Us: By Chris

Tomlin. Chris has given us so many great corporate worship songs...Like *Forever, How Great is Our God, Enough, Holy Is The Lord, Jesus Messiah, Made to Worship and Sing, Sing, Sing...* and this is just to name a few of his songs we sing on a Sunday morning. His 2011 release is Tomlin's BEST to date (which in considering his body of work...is impressive). The songs are deep and intimate. They glorify Jesus and will lift your spirit too. This is also one of Pastor Kurt and Revell's favorites.

2. **God Is Able: By Hillsong Live:** I love everything Hillsong Worship Puts out... Hillsong Live, Hillsong United and Hillsong Kids. Again, so many great worship songs for God's bride. Inspiring lyrics, beautiful vocals and powerful instrumentation. Did you know that in the Christian Music Industry no

other band is having the success globally that Hillsong Music has? It's true...they have currently sold more music and shows globally than any other Christian band. And their music is written for the church with His heart's purpose as the major influence and target.

1. **Be Lifted High: By Bethel Church Live.** This Spirit-filled and Spirit-led church in Redding, CA is quickly becoming the Hillsong (Australia) of North America. They have so many talented and inspired worship leaders, song writers and bands like Jesus Culture coming out of their ministry. They even offer a school of worship which our very own Dave Pierson attended this last summer. This CD is packed with powerful and intimate songs and is another worship CD that if purchased won't disappoint. I believe it will draw you into the presence of our loving Lord and you will not want to leave.

“Heaven” Wednesday night starts November 2

Rod Graciano's four-week “Heaven” class — about both our future destiny and the experience of Heaven that we can have right now — begins November 2, 7pm, in the Conference Room; with the 23rd off, the class will end Nov. 30.



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Not for Everyone

He didn't need to look behind him to know who was back there. Sticking closest were those who considered themselves personally attached to him. Fanning out beside them, as much as the road and shoulder could accommodate, and stretching far behind them was what could only be described as a multitude. Maybe even a hoard. Lots of people. Lots and lots of people.

The dust cloud kicked up by so many feet in such a hot, dry climate was visible for miles. This was long before smog became a reality, so its presence was distinctive. Smoke was different. Heavier and thicker, lingering and dispersing differently. No, this was dust, and not the roiling tumultuous dust cloud of horses or chariots or an army. Those made noise, too. They could even be felt in the earth. This was quiet from a distance.

As they drew closer the cacophonous, murmur of the crowd could be heard, but it was hushed and muffled up close. Though most of them probably were talking, they kept it low, as if to avoid disturbing him. Little did they know of his ability to be undistracted by them, even while giving them his focused attention.

But now he was on the move. Where, they did not know, but that did not keep them from following. Why? Well...one could never be sure, but what they had seen him do already was enough to motivate them to be on hand whenever he did whatever he would do next. Some had only heard about what he had done from others, but that was enough. This they wanted to see for themselves. Some even hoped to be touched by him personally. He had actually healed people. And not just garden variety illnesses. Stuff you don't get healed from – at least not before he came along. Demon-possessed people, epileptics, paralytics... we're not talking colds and flu here.

As the throng swept by, bystanders didn't need to ask what was going on. Those passing by could not refrain from exclaiming, "This is Jesus of Nazareth! He has healed people." So the crowd continued to swell as it went.

Coming around a bend in the road they slowed. He was slowing, and everyone reacted, not wanting to lose their sense of being a part of whatever this was. Didn't want to get stranded on the fringes and miss something. As they came to the base of a hill, quite a large one, really, he stopped. So did they. The back of the mass slowly compacted together as the ones in front stopped moving before those coming behind.

Then he turned and looked at them. Pausing, he turned back and began to climb the hill in no particular hurry. One foot in front of the other, a little higher and then higher still. The ones closest to him followed him right up. Most of the others stood looking at each other, not knowing what to do. About 50 yards up he stopped at a large rock, turned and sat down. Those who had followed him up there gathered around and sat down, too. Then it was obvious he was speaking to them, but in conversational tones — easily heard by those present, but too faint for those below to make out. What was he saying? No one was being healed, at least not that they could see. Maybe when they came back down.

Matthew 5:1. So, who gets to hear? Those who stay close to him, even when they must leave the crowd to do so. Those for whom it is personal.

All for Christ's sake



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4Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6pm Men: "No Reservations Needed" 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	2 5:30pm Corporate Prayer 7pm Ignite Youth Church 7pm "Heaven"	3	4 7pm Key Pen Home Fellowship PCF Office Closed	5 Daylight Savings Time Ends! 
6 9am Sunday Prayer 10am Worship 2:30-4:30pm Happily Ever After Club	7	8 6pm Men: "No Reservations Needed" 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm College & Young Adults	9 5:30pm Corporate Prayer 7pm Ignite Youth Church 7pm "Heaven" class	10 6:30pm Thursday Home Fellowship	11 PCF Office Closed	12
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03-Diane Smith
 05-Scott Costanzo, Linda Long, Katherine Smith
 06-Rick & TK Maib, 2004
 08-April Wilder
 09-Steve & Donna Hanenburg, 1974

10-Kurt & Revell Mach, 1978
 10-Julia Fisher
 23-Willis & Ruth McIntyre, 1944
 24-Anne Newton
 26-Brian & Lori McLean, 1983
 30-Diane Wilder

