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Pastor Joes Corner

Freak Out or Fear Not: Finding God's Voice in Difficult Times

When life gets tough, we often have two choices: freak out or fear not. It's much easier to panic, get nervous, and become emotional when challenges arise. We quickly ask, "God, where are you? Did you leave me?" We become like the widow in 1 Kings who was ready to prepare her last meal and die.

The Story of Elijah and the Widow in 1 Kings 17, we find the story of Elijah during a severe drought that came because of King Ahab's wickedness. Ahab, married to Jezebel, was considered the worst king Israel ever had. God sent Elijah to a widow in Zarephath, saying, "I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain you."

When Elijah arrived, he found the widow gathering sticks. He asked her for water and bread, but she replied that she only had enough flour and oil to make one last meal for herself and her son before they would die. She was in full "freak out" mode.

Elijah's response is remarkable: "Fear not. Go and do as you have said, but make me a little cake first." He then promised her that her flour and oil would not run out until the drought ended. The widow obeyed, and just as Elijah had said, her supplies never ran out.



Why Do We Struggle to Hear God's Voice?

There are three main reasons we struggle to hear God's voice:

- We're uncertain if it's really God speaking
- We're not spending enough time in prayer and God's Word
- We make excuses for why we can't follow through

When God tells us to do something, we often hesitate because we're not sure if it's truly His voice. But the Bible says, "My sheep know my voice." Just as we recognize the voices of our loved ones, we should be able to recognize God's voice.

How Can I Know If It's God's Voice?

If we're not getting into God's Word and applying it to our lives, we'll never truly know His voice. We need to:

- Spend time in prayer (not just talking but listening)
- Study Scripture regularly
- Remove distractions that keep us from hearing clearly

Many Christians claim "God told me" to do things that clearly contradict Scripture. That's not God's voice. God will never lead you to do something that contradicts His Word.

The Problem with Our Excuses

We often make excuses for why we can't do what God is calling us to do:

- "I can't read the Bible because I don't retain what I read"
- "I can't witness because I'm not good with words"
- "I can't serve because I don't have the time"



Proverbs 18:21 says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit." When we constantly say "I can't," we're speaking death over our potential.

God's Promise for Understanding His Word

For those who say they can't retain what they read in Scripture, John 14:26 offers a powerful promise: "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

The Holy Spirit is our teacher. He helps us understand God's Word and brings it to our remembrance when we need it. When we claim we can't understand or remember Scripture, we're essentially calling Jesus a liar.

God's Provision Doesn't Always Make Sense

God doesn't think like we do. When we're out of milk, we think we need money to buy more or a cow to produce more. But God might provide in ways we never imagined. The widow thought she needed more flour and oil, but God had a different plan. He didn't give her more ingredients; He made her limited supply last. God's solutions often don't make logical sense to our human minds.

Life Application

This week, I challenge you to move from "freak out" to "fear not" by:

Spending time daily in God's Word and prayer

Identifying the excuses you make that keep you from following God's direction

Taking one step of faith in an area where you've been hesitating

Ask yourself:

What situation am I currently freaking out about instead of trusting God?

What excuses am I making that prevent me from hearing God's voice clearly?

How might God be trying to provide for me in ways I'm not expecting?

Am I willing to obey God's direction even when it doesn't make logical sense?

Remember, you have been ordained by God for a purpose. Don't be like the widow who was so focused on her problems that she almost missed the blessing God had for her.

Choose to fear not, even when everything around you suggests you should freak out.



The Lunchbox Block

Join us as we listen to some of the best Christian Music From the 70s 80s and 90s. Be a part of our show by requesting your favorites from that time period.

Our Lunchbox block is a great place to spend your lunch break as we enjoy some casual banter, interesting articles, intriguing recipes, and encouragement with our daily Powerverse! All that and much more awaits you when you tune in to the KMTM Lunchbox Block With Brando and Joel! Can't wait to see you there!

Album of the Month

written by Brando

“Awaiting Your Reply” is the debut album of Resurrection Band (REZ). Released in 1978, this classic was made in a two week marathon of all Nighters after receiving a \$8000 Dollar gift from “a friend”. This album also had trouble hitting the market at first because it was too experimental and heavy sounding for Christian media at the time but was eventually published by Star Song Records. Even after that bookstores would sell this album from under the counter because the cover was “considered too controversial to display openly” However once the album made it to the public it made history being Considered the Precursor to Christian Metal.

Going through the album, we start off with “Waves” which calls to the “people in the Street” asking them to join and accept Jesus in their heart. It is a solid lead off track. The title track, “Awaiting Your Reply” is about receiving a letter from Christ. “It was signed in blood, it was nailed into my heart ,Though the channel was clear, I didn't want to hear”



(Brando after being told he would be a DJ)

Then the song leads into the chorus “Awaiting your reply” “Why did he have to word it like that? Why can't he let me be? It was bad enough that he offered his love. But why did he fry my head with that last line?”

The song asks a question that clearly visualizes a view of new believers in a provocative way that makes the listener think. Other than the meaning, this song is where we see more of that metal of the time sticking in with the constant guitar riffs in the background.

“Broken Promises” Probably my favorite track in the whole album discussing how we have turned away from God.

“Broken Promises, Broken by me and not by you.”

Rez bands theological questions shine once again (also showing their blues influences) in this track.

“Golden Road” Paints a visual of the “Golden Road” to gain the treasures of the world that crumbled with the world. Then hitting us with a brutally honest statement “But all along I realized, That if I had to, If I had to choose Between love an' my own sweet lies, Love was bound to lose” with then comparing the walk with God as “broken road paved with death and shame” which is How the world views Christ as nonsense but the song ends with character realizing “He paid for changes I've gone though” He referring to Christ.

“Lightshine” heads back into the rock side of the album. It is about a character asking God to “Prove your worth to me” but then decides to say “Oh, well anyway open up your door” giving all his troubles to Jesus and highlighting how unfair the world is.

Probably the heaviest track of the album (but only a little more than the title track), “Ananias And Sapphira”, referring to their story in Acts Chapter 5, gives warning against

being hypocritical against the Holy Spirit and giving your all for God versus giving some.

Slowing the beat down again for the folk and bluesy feels also taking a more comical approach with the lyrics “Ananais, they'll carry you away, Oh, Sapphira - she went that same day” making light of what probably was a somewhat horrific scene.



“Death Of The Dying” provides some of that experimental kick with the first minute being a mash medley of sped up voices, different beats and sound effects like you were listening to multiple tv shows at once before going back to the Rez band riffs. This song is about the maniac hypocrites who don't act on their relationship with Christ similar to “Ananias And Sapphira”.

“Irish Garden” tells the story of a bride ignoring the call of their groom while sitting in an “Irish Garden”. It refers to us as the bride of Christ. The song ends with the repentance of the bride seeking God but the choice of an Irish Garden is interesting because they are known as some of the worlds most beautiful. As beautiful as it seems, it cannot compare to God.

“The Return” the last track on this album is a Blues medley akin to “Broken Promises”. This song is about the eventual return of Christ, but offers encouragement to the believer to “keep on praying” when times get hard, one day it will all be worth it.

“Awaiting your reply” is an album definitely worth a listen, not just to see the origin of Christian metal, but also how its themes hold up so well 45 years later. That's because we still deal with these issues mentioned, not to mention the combination of multiple genres of music, all in a way that worships Christ.



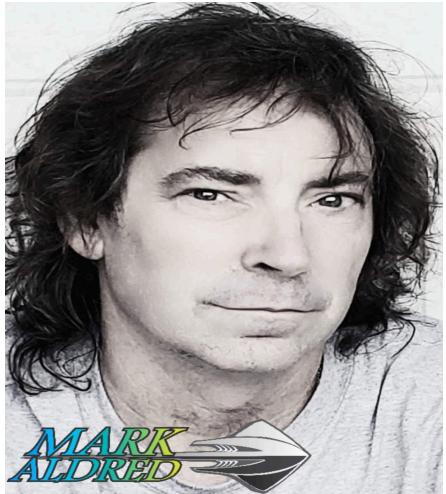
A Note From Joel

Over the past few months, I switched from the morning show with Joe Inman to the lunchbox box with Brando. This show airs every Tuesday and Thursday from 11am to 3pm central standard time. I can honestly say there is something for everyone on this show. We have the "Other Verse," which is a segment where we discuss another scripture besides the power verse. We report the weather every hour, the national holiday food-inspired recipe, the interesting news article of the day, and the power verse. Our show also plays great music, which is something I really enjoy. One of my favorite segments is the song of the day, where we pick a song from our music files, and go over it, from the lyrics to how the song sounds musically. I love the banter Brando and I have as part of our

different live segments on the show.

I love and enjoy working with Brando on the show. We have fun together and his positive, easy-going attitude is contagious. If I'm ever having a bad day at the beginning of the show, my day and mood gets better as the show progresses. It is amazing how positive music and positive people can build you up and bring a smile to your face.

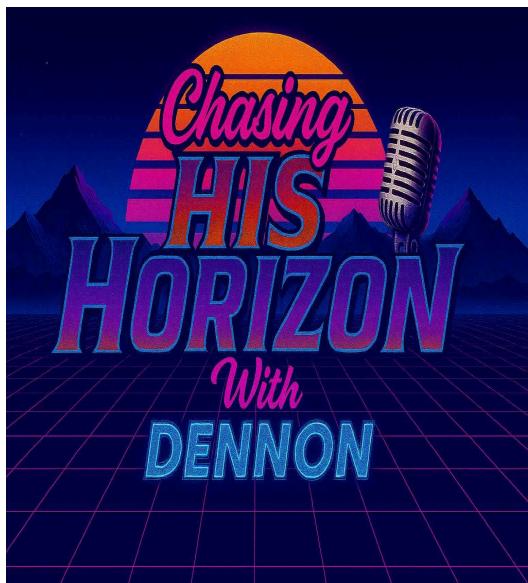
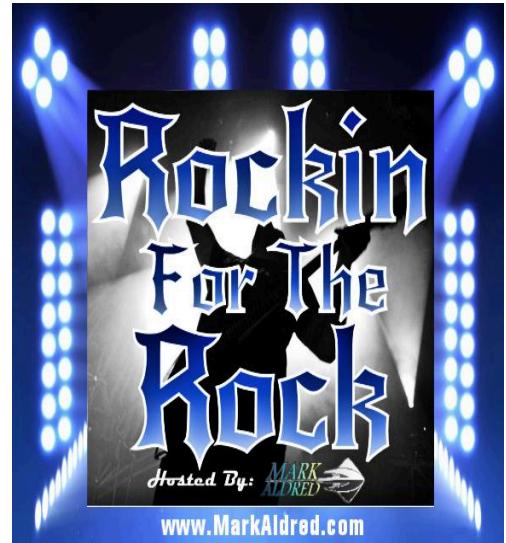
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Rockin for the Rock

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The Show Streams Live on Tik Tok where we all share stories and have a good time where we all are Family and you don't want the night to end, You Can Also Hear Audio on Facebook, X, Live 365 & Twitch. Search MTM Broadcasting on all Platforms, Rockin For The Rock you Hear less talk and More Music from 7pm to 9pm cst.



CHASING HIS HORIZON

Chasing HIS Horizon is a brand new show on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 am to 10 am, where we play your classic Christian and contemporary music from the 80s and 90s. Now as for me? My name is Dennon White, and I am the host of the show. Now you may be wondering to yourself- 'who is this guy?' or even 'why should I tune in?' I am glad you asked. I am a 22 year old man who currently works with Silver Dollar City as a trained operator where I work on some of the craziest rides on this side of the Mississippi. I am also a

former firefighter with Western Taney County Fire Protection District. I responded to fires, car crashes and everything in between. I am also the eldest of three children and helping try to guide them in this crazy world.

As for the second question, I want to bring back some of the classics within the christian and contemporary music genre. In a world where the radio is going the way of the dodo bird, I want to keep the values and nostalgia of the classic news active for a new generation of people while still spreading the good news of the bible. I am hoping to keep my show within the same rules and concepts of the classic Johnny Carson show from the 60s to the 90s, where anything can happen, but being intentional in keeping Christian values at the core of the show. Well, that is all for now folks! Make sure to tune in every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 10 am on KMTM or cayafellowship.com for all of your classic Christian music!



Nothing but Outlaw

The following is an excerpt from Joe's live interview with Julie Seymour, Christian Outlaw Artist.

JOE: Guys, I've got the one and only Ms. Julie Seymour here. We play her songs like "Faith Lift," "My Hero," and her incredible take on "Wayfaring Stranger." Julie, you're fairly new to this, right? Started recording in 2022?

JULIE: Yes, just started then! I record a couple songs every year. I'm just here to spread the message and introduce my listeners to Christ through music.

JOE: And that musical foundation—was that all church and Christian music?

JULIE: I was absolutely raised in church. My grandpa was an old-school Pentecostal preacher. My sisters and I would sing three-part harmony for him. He'd say, "You will sing a song for Papa. I'll get you a cheeseburger at the Golden Arches." (Laughs) I'll do anything for food!



JOE: A great reason to sing! But your music isn't strictly Southern Gospel. It's not strictly Country. There's a soulful sound to everything you do. What do you call that mix?

JULIE: Gosh, if I had to label it... I think I'd go with Country Soul. I love so many different types of music. I feel what I sing, and I sing what I feel. That soulful sound—like Mahalia Jackson—I just love it because you can truly feel what you're saying. I want people to feel the message and feel the Jesus I'm talking about.

JOE: That versatility shows! We play your song "Found a Friend" on our contemporary worship station, and it was highly voted for there. That speaks volumes about your ability to reach different people. Tell us about your original songs.

JULIE: The first original I released was "The Wooden Church Pew," which tells the story of how my dream to sing began, just being raised up in church. Then "My Hero"—I wrote that to honor my father, a retired Command Sergeant Major, and all veterans who've served for our freedom.

JOE: That's a beautiful tribute. And what's coming next?

JULIE: I'll be releasing "Something's Got a Hold On Me" in the next couple of weeks. It's a story about my baptism—that feeling, you know, when you just feel the spirit getting a hold of you.

JOE: Amazing. Julie, thank you so much for being here. You can find Julie on all streaming platforms and on Facebook under Julie Seymour.



**Nothing but OutLaw on KTFR Radio on
cayafellowship.com/medi/ktfr**

November interviews

11.1.25 - Lonnie Hardie

11.8.25 - Irish Michael Walsh

11. 15.25 - Pending

11.22.25 - Triston Williams

11.29.25 - Jimmy Reno



The Well Read Llama

Do you believe that fiction can boost your faith?

Christian fiction is a growing genre that now encompasses almost every type of book you can imagine. Romantic comedies, historical sagas, contemporary tales, spine-tingling suspense, epic fantasy—all with a Christian worldview.

Recently I was reading *The Rules of Falling For You*, a romantic comedy by Mollie Rushmeyer.

The characters were talking about life choices and how hard it can be to trust God with the outcome of uncertain events. One of them said to the other, "Surrender is acknowledging the fact that God has it under control, has our backs, and loves us. We don't have to carry the burden of making everything right." There, in a book that made me laugh out loud, was a nugget of truth. It was just what I needed to remind me to surrender to what God was doing in my own life.

Reading can be more than entertainment. It can help your walk with the Lord. That's one reason I love interviewing Christian authors about their books and their faith. You can listen to my show *The Well-Read Llama* every Monday at 10 a.m. Central Standard Time. We'll talk about all the newest releases and get to know the authors of these inspirational stories. I hope you'll tune in! You can also find replays of past episodes by looking up Author Erin Mifflin on YouTube.

Reading Recommendations:

Through Water and Stone by Karen Barnett. A dual timeline novel set at Zion National Park.

Girl Lost by Kate Angelo. A suspense built around the search for a child given up for adoption.

When the Road Comes Around by Katie Powner. A contemporary story of second chances.

All Men Are Liars by Marline Williams. A groovy Jesus Freak romcom set in the 1970s.

Sense and Suitability by Pepper Basham. A fun Regency story inspired by Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility.

Protector by Megan Schaulis. A young adult dystopian retelling of the book of Esther.



The Story Memphis Basketball Trainers:

The Start of Something Special

<https://www.trainmemphis.com/>

Actor Highlight: Jeffery D Johnson

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/6n5JNBoyB0g>

This is the story of one guy who was cut from his middle school basketball team yet went on to play professionally and train others. That guy is Jeffery D. Johnson, and when he answered a God-given call on his life, he started something great: his very own basketball training facility where training is also discipleship-making. An inspiring documentary for anyone with a dream, a calling, or a gift they can share with the world. This is Memphis Basketball Trainers: The Start of Something Special directed and narrated by Caleb Suggs, produced by Jeffery D. Johnson, and made in association with Studio Suggs.

Produced by: Caleb Suggs

Caleb Suggs is a Memphis-born writer, producer, director, radio host, voice actor, and journalist. Since he was a child, he's had a passion for creating stories of comedy and animation with a goal to inspire, inform, and entertain. Now, through his production company, Studio Suggs, co-founded with his brother, he works toward his dream of running a television station and production company that will share his unique stories with audiences around the world

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Afterglow

There was an unseen bridge being built behind the scenes at the Branson International Film Festival. Jeffery did an on the spot audition and Deborah J Watson (pictured) saw immediately that he would be a perfect fit for a full-feature film developing in Kansas City. Plus, Caleb's talent makes him a great candidate to direct the production. That's why attending festivals is vital to a career. The Branson International Film Festival brings people from the north, south, east, and west to the heartland where growth happens.



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