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News Clip

Worship artist Brett Younker said thousands of young people have joined him and Passion Music to genuinely worship Jesus despite the rise in "deconstruction" seen amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Passion Music recently released their new EP, *Burn Bright*, which was unveiled in January at Passion 2022. The event, attended by thousands of young adults, seeks to "inspire a generation" to spread the hope of Jesus across the nations.

"We're always wanting to put before college students that your life can matter if you live for something larger than yourself, that you can live for the glory of God, but specifically in this moment in time, "Lord, would you help a wave of college students just see that one of the calls that you have on your people is to take the Gospel, the message of Jesus, the message of the resurrection, to every nation, tribe and tongue," Younker shared.

Passion believes the message of Christ must continue, even as notable Christian figures claim they are deconstructing Christianity.

A 2021 poll from Gallup found that fewer than 50%

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HINDSIGHT



Hindsight: understanding of a situation or event only after it has happened or developed, "with hindsight, I should never have gone." Hindsight is defined as the recognizing of the dangers and/or possibilities of a situation after it occurs. An example of hindsight is realizing the dangers of bungee jumping off a cliff after completing the activity and thinking about what could have happened.

Hindsight is looking back, on reflection, on re-examination, thinking back, or second thought.

Could it have been done another way? I wonder if Hitler in his last few hours in his private bunker could have pondered the thought "could it have been done another way."

For the occupants of Hitler's private bunker the news could scarcely have been bleaker. The Soviet army was advancing so rapidly that it was now within a few hundred yards of the bunker's perimeter fence.

In his final hours, Hitler summoned a loyal official named Walter Wagner into his private conference room, a city administrator, who had the right to officiate at a wedding ceremony. Hitler announced that he and his long-term mistress, Eva Braun, were to be married immediately.

The formalities were kept brief for there was no time to lose. The couple declared themselves to be of pure Aryan descent and free from hereditary disease. Then, having given their assent by simple word of mouth, they were declared to be man and wife.

The newlyweds walked out into the corridor to be congratulated by Hitler's faithful secretaries, Gerda Christian and Traudl Junge. In that conversation he spoke of his impending suicide. National Socialism, he said, was dead. It would never be revived.

In the afternoon of that same day, he had his favorite pets destroyed and then distributed cyanide capsules to his secretaries.

At two thirty in the morning, some twenty faithful servants assembled to greet Hitler as he emerged from his private quarters. He offered them his final farewells and then returned to his private quarters. Everyone was sure that his suicide was imminent.

At 2 p.m., Hitler sat down to eat lunch with his two secretaries while his SS adjutant acquired 200 litres of petrol.

When Hitler had finished eating, he emerged from his private quarters accompanied by his new wife. Another farewell ceremony took place, this time with Martin Bormann, Joseph Goebbels and others. Eva embraced Traudl Junge and said, "Take my fur coat as a memory. I always like well-dressed women."

Hitler then turned to address the little group for a final time. "It is finished," he said. "Goodbye." He led Eva back into his private room. Soon afterwards, a single shot was heard.

The group who had gathered to say their farewells to Hitler lingered for a few minutes in the corridor before entering his private room. They found Hitler lying on the sofa, drenched in blood. He had shot himself through the mouth. Eva Braun was also sprawled on the sofa with an unused revolver at her side. She had swallowed poison instead.

Two SS men were summoned to the room and the two of them wrapped both bodies in blankets and carried them into the courtyard outside. The two corpses were soaked in fuel and then set afire. A small group of mourners stood to attention, gave the Nazi salute and then withdrew back inside the bunker.

More fuel had to be poured on the corpses because they were not burning properly. Even after many hours, when most of the flesh had burned away, Hitler's blackened shinbones were still visible. Shortly before midnight, as the Soviet troops neared the perimeter of the bunker, the two charred corpses were placed into a bomb crater and covered with soil.

I wonder in the final hours how many times Hitler relived his life. In hindsight I am sure he would have done things different, but some things cannot be changed. It was too late. Some of us in hindsight have changed some of our decisions, not to make that same awful mistake.

According to Russian reports, two fragments of bone, his jawbone and skull, were preserved as grisly relics. Hitler did not enjoy the dream of a thousand year regime, but he will experience the Day of Judgment.

Adam and Eve

I wonder how often Adam and Eve looked back on the experience of eating of the fruit of good and evil. Possibly every evening they would return to the entrance of the Garden and watch the revolving flaming swords held by the angels. In hindsight they must of asked themselves "Why"? How could we have been so stupid? They were shut out of the Garden of life, and now suffering the slow death caused by sin. And then they pondered the words of God, "*I will put enmity between you (devil) and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he (devil) shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*" Could this mean something would happen in the future to save us? I believe Adam and Eve died in faith believing the word of God.



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of Americans belong to a church or religious organization. BreakPoint reported that some of the people leaving the Church are joining a growing demographic known as the “nones.” Religious “nones” consist of people who reject all religious affiliation, and some of these people are also known as eXvangelicals.

The overall movement is called “deconstruction,” meaning deconstructing one’s faith and leaving the Church. Many who are “deconstructing” have spoken out about their experiences getting hurt by people inside the Church. Others have cited their rejection of biblical teaching on sexuality as the reason they are disassociating.

However, there are people who are rising up to spread the Gospel, and Younker said Passion Music’s new EP is an encouragement to those who are still holding fast to the faith.

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King David and Bathsheba

The biblical narratives featuring Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Kings 1-2) entail adultery and bloodshed, prophetic rebuke and tragic consequences, and the breaking and making of the throne. From his roof, King David (1005–965 BC) sees beautiful Bathsheba, wife of Uriah, bathing, and he lies with her. Uriah is summoned from the battle front to cover for the resulting pregnancy, but when he refuses to go home, the king has him slain in battle. David then marries the widowed Bathsheba, who bears a son. In response to the adultery and murder, the prophet Nathan curses David’s House, the first consequence being the death of the infant conceived in adultery. The second tragic event in the family of David was Amnon raped his sister Tamar, later Absalom had Amnon killed. In time Absalom drove out his father David from Jerusalem only to be hung by his hair in an Oak tree. He is shot with three arrows.

How many times do you suppose that David in hindsight looked back on this terrible sin, and desperately desired that it could be erased.

Judas and his betrayal of Jesus

Judas was a disciple and one of the original Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ. According to all four canonical gospels, Judas betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin in the Garden of Gethsemane by kissing him and addressing him as “rabbi” to reveal his identity in the darkness to the crowd who had come to arrest him.

According to Matthew 27:1–10, after learning that Jesus was to be crucified, Judas attempted to return the money he had been paid for his betrayal to the chief priests and then committed suicide by hanging. From Judas’s last word to Jesus “rabbi” to his suicidal leap from the cliff, there must have been a thousand rehearsals of what he had done.

John Mark and his decision to quit the trip with Paul and Barnabas

Paul, Barnabas and John Mark, after visiting the island of Cyprus as part of the first missionary journey, arrived by boat to the port city of Perga, near the Roman province of Pisidia. It is near this port city that Mark would, sadly and abruptly, abandon Paul and his relative Barnabas as they went inland to preach the gospel.

As they anticipated a second missionary journey after the first, Barnabas decided he wanted Mark along. Paul disagreed, probably due, at least in part, to Mark’s “going home to Mother” during the first missionary journey (Acts 13:13); Paul and Barnabas thus had a parting of the ways (Acts 15:36–40).

John Mark was separated from Paul for about twenty years. In hindsight I am sure there was regret, and “I wish I could do it over” thoughts rolling around in the mind of Mark for many of those years. While Paul was in prison in Rome in his final days of ministry requested that Mark would come and see him. A good final outcome but the loss of many years of fellowship. It is sad to have lived 20 years in regret.



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