

brian bates

From his engaging songs to a powerful testimony to his passion for Africa, there is a new voice emerging in Contemporary Christian music.

Brian Bates' new CD, *Worlds Collide*, brings ten new songs full of hope for restoration and new life. "Music is a vehicle," says Brian. "I think what I have to offer most in my songs is my relationship with God and my experiences in life, with all the heartache and joy and hope."

At age 23, Brian walked away from a homosexual identity, braving a new path of restoration and finding his identity in Christ. His turnaround started with the relentless kindness of a friend. "We did not agree on the issue, but that wasn't her goal. It was her authentic compassion that surprised and impacted me. God's kindness leads to repentance. That's important to remember, and a great primary response to this issue."

A major influence in the writing of Bates' new CD was his work in Africa. He helped develop "Mission Bo", a partnership with World Vision to help communities in Sierra Leone. "Africa has changed my paradigm about what really matters and what I'm responsible for," says Bates.

Brian Bates knows firsthand the power of God's restoration – from his work in Africa, from his own journey. That knowledge infuses his music and directs his life. "The bottom line is Jesus is my hero," Brian says. "He was dependent on his Father and compassionately focused on the outsider. I'm gonna live like that."



- ▶ Produced by Nate Sabin (Sara Groves, Jason Gray)
- ▶ National distribution through Infinity Music/Central South
- ▶ Glowing reviews from Christianity Today, CBN and others
- ▶ Magazine feature stories in New Man, Ignite Your Faith and others
- ▶ Radio play on over 300 stations/networks
- ▶ Previous CD "Outside the Lines" brought:
 - Two Top 30 radio singles
 - 40+ radio interviews to share his story
 - 60+ concerts in 9 states
- ▶ 10 years as a solo indie artist and worship leader

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WORLDS COLLIDE

"Brian's passion for ministry shows through his songs."

Jim Stanley, American Family Radio Network

"Strong vocals and thoughtful production... combined with a potent sense of mission. Bates is proof yet again that there's value in each of our stories."

Christianity Today

"Brian's music has made an incredible impact on our listeners. We've hosted two concerts, and his presentation moved and captivated those in attendance."

Dave Benton, KAMB, Merced CA

"... Brian's insight and heart will easily keep you listening."

CBN

"Indeed, Brian is a new creation, and our church received the rewards of hearing and seeing just that."

Pastor Mike White, Trinity United Methodist, Brookfield MO

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