

In Tune Music

Myrrh & Bill Murk

Myrrh - Closer

A Voice and a Story that Will Captivate Your Heart

Throughout the ages incredible beauty has come out of intense pain, and the music of Myrrh is no exception. "December 7th-a day that shall live in infamy," is a quote from President Franklin Roosevelt, referring to the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. But for the Murk family, December 7th, 1999 is the day their lives changed forever. Bill and Heather were on their way to the doctor's, because of bronchitis. They had the right of way through a one-way work zone, when they were hit, head-on, by a speeding semi-truck.

Barely alive, they were both rushed to the nearest hospital. "They told us Heather had mere moments to live," recalls Jeanine (wife, mother and group member). "I couldn't even recognize her, she had been so decimated by the glass. It's a sight I'll never forget"

Heather was left with severe internal bleeding/lacerations and bruising to all her major organs, in addition to facial lacerations and head trauma so severe that doctor's gave little hope for her survival. "Even if she does live, she will more than likely be blind and unable to speak or sing," said the attending physicians. Yet, even with this grim prognosis, the Murks knew God was still in control.

Against seemingly insurmountable odds, this family began singing and traveling again, barely five months after their accident. Bill was still in a wheelchair, and Heather was still in therapy, but they knew they had to share what God had done in their lives. In their weakness, God has shown His strength by using their journey towards recovery to spread the oil of joy through contemporary Christian music, and to be a balm of hope and peace to the weary and brokenhearted.

Bill was in the hospital for 4 months, and in therapy for a year after that, recovering from broken hips. "While we were in the hospital, Heather and I began to dream about recording an CD commemorating everything that God had done for us," remembers Bill.

This fall that dream will become a reality as In Tune Music releases the album *Closer*. Additionally, "*Closer -The Radio Special*" is releasing to 2000 stations, across the country. This special, geared for Sunday morning worship hours, not only plays the album in its entirety, but includes personal interviews with Bill and Heather, showing their heart for God and for ministry.

Between Bill's innovation on the violin, and Heather's amazing vocal flexibility and contemporary style, the strong anointing on this project will leave the listeners breathless and in awe of God. Their primary goal and desire is to draw listeners into the presence of God in order to experience the power of being closer.

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"I can hardly remember what my life was like before that Tuesday afternoon in 1999. All I know for certain is that on December 6th I didn't have a care in the world. On December 7th my life was changed forever. Over the course of the past three years I've been given a lot of attention due to the large amount of publicity our accident has received. People have given me the title of someone special, because God has done incredible miracles in my life. When in truth I am just an average girl, desperately wanting to be just a little closer to Jesus.

I've never known a deeper joy than when I come out of pain; a deeper thankfulness than when I come out of want; or a deeper love, than when I am set free from fear. My life has just begun thanks to the breath of God. There are a few things of which I'm sure. One, you can't know true joy unless you've experienced true sorrow. You can't have real strength, unless your weaknesses have been exposed. It's impossible to know how much you need or love something, until it's been taken away. I'm so thankful that one of the things God has restored to me is a voice truly not my own. If I could have only one prayer for this album, it would be that the awesome gift of music would draw you, as it does me, closer," Heather

