

# Radiating Truth Through Song

An interview with **Kira Fontana**

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Kira Fontana is a worship singer and songwriter. Music has been her lifelong passion. She began playing piano when she was five years old and started writing her own music shortly thereafter. She trained as a classical composer at music conservatories on the East Coast and moved to LA to pursue a career as a singer-songwriter after she completed university. When she became a Christian, she felt God called her to use her musical gifts for His kingdom by worshipping Him and creating music that points other people to Him.



**Before coming to Christ, you described yourself as “spiritual but not religious.” What were the things you were skeptical about with regard to Christianity? How did God reveal Himself to you?**

Before coming to Christ, I was outright hostile toward Christianity. I did not believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead or that He was the only way to God. I did not believe in the devil or that I was a sinner. I had never read the Bible, and though I was raised Catholic, I fell away from that faith early in life. I became a spiritual seeker in my twenties and attended meditation retreats, chanted Sanskrit, meditated daily, and read countless spiritual books. I did not consider myself a follower of any particular religion and believed that God was a universal force of love and light. After twenty years of this kind of lifestyle, I truly believed I was more enlightened than most people. My “spiritual but not religious” beliefs viewed Christianity as unenlightened, closed-minded, judgmental, and ignorant of higher spiritual truths. The spiritual center I attended read bits of Scripture and talked about Jesus, but not as the Jesus of the Bible. They viewed Jesus as a great spiritual teacher, not the unique Son of God. This was the belief I held about Him when two of my

brothers became born-again Christians. We argued intently about our spiritual beliefs, and it was tearing our family apart. During that painful time, my mom suggested I pray to “see truth.” In all my years of spiritual seeking, I never even considered Christianity, so I consented to see what would happen as I prayed this prayer, which I did for an entire year. God began to reveal Himself in powerful ways I could not deny. It was as if He parted a veil to show me that the world was not what I thought it was and that although my spiritual beliefs sounded wonderful, they simply did not match up with reality. He showed me that I had been spiritually blinded and deceived by a satanic counterfeit spirituality, thinking it was light! “And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light” (2 Cor. 11:14). By His grace and mercy, God rescued me out of that darkness and showed me my own need for a Savior.

**When did you become aware of the darkness surrounding the music industry? What are the effects of that darkness on consumers?**

During the year I prayed to see truth, God began to show me the enormous existence of evil in our world and the reality of the devil.



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I thought believing in the devil sounded as ridiculous as believing in the tooth fairy! But as I began studying the Bible, I saw the deception and destruction caused by the enemy, as well as the power he wields in our world. John tells us in Revelation 12:9 that Satan “leads the whole world astray.” God began to show me this was true in my own industry. As I looked at the music and entertainment world, I saw that the vast majority of songs glorified alcohol and drug abuse, cheap casual sex, endless greed, vanity, and even death. God showed me that the devil was the one holding the power in the industry, as evidenced by the overwhelmingly destructive content it produced. Its impact is devastating. So many are lost to depression and anxiety, enslaved by addiction, and driven to thoughts of self-harm and suicide. The sad truth is that the devil revels in this destruction and deceives many who enter the industry with promises of fame and fortune. It is my prayer that God will destroy the devil’s work in the entire industry, and that people in positions of power will wake up and produce something better. As Jesus said, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10).

**What are the biggest struggles of those in the secular entertainment industry? How can we pray for them?**

In Matthew 4:8–9, we read that “the devil took him [Jesus] to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ‘All this I will give you,’ he said, ‘if you will bow down and worship me.’” The biggest struggle I have seen of those in the secular entertainment industry is directly related to this passage. Artists and industry professionals who desire to be rich, famous,

or powerful are easily deceived by the allure of power and fame Satan uses to entice people to do his will. Soon, naïve and vulnerable artists are pressured by people in the industry to wear, say, and do things they otherwise would not—or things they know deep down are wrong. People in Hollywood joke about “selling your soul to the devil,” but unfortunately, it is all too real—even if people are unaware of the trade they have made. Some of the most famous and successful people I have met are also the emptiest, loneliest, most lost, and most unfulfilled. They have everything the world says they should want, but it is literally destroying them from the inside. Only God can set them free. We can pray that people in the industry will see truth and wake up to the ways they are used by the enemy to further his evil agenda. We can pray that they will find God and use the gifts He has given them to build up and encourage people. We can pray that they will use music and entertainment to point people to the freedom, peace, and joy found only in Him!

**You have experienced great success as a top LA vocal coach and film music composer. How would you define success now?**

I want to bear good fruit and glorify God in all that I do. I am still learning how best to do it, but that is my heart. If I can serve Him and point others to Him, that is the greatest blessing, and it means far greater to me now than any worldly “success.”

**It is interesting that your debut worship album, *Refuge*, is on spiritual warfare. What role does music play in spiritual warfare?**

I believe worship is a weapon. When we are singing and praising God, we are driving the devil out of our neighborhoods, our cities, our



states, and our nations. After God showed me the darkness operating in our world, keeping people in bondage and away from Him, He gave me a passionate heart for spiritual warfare. In 2 Chronicles 20:21–23, singers go out before the army, praising the Lord. As they do so, God utterly defeats the enemy. In Acts 16, Paul and Silas are praying and singing hymns to God in prison, and an earthquake shakes the foundations of the prison and breaks off all their chains! I believe the same is true today. God defeats our enemies and breaks chains when we worship Him. We declare truth where the enemy has spread lies. We worship because God has the final victory, and there is power from on high when we declare it now.

**What current and upcoming projects are you working on?**

I feel blessed that there are several exciting upcoming projects I am working on, including finishing and recording the songs for my next worship album, writing the music for a potential new Christian film, and possibly publishing my first book! I pray that God is glorified in it all and praise Him for the new life He has given me. I never dreamed of having the opportunities I have today, and I know it is not of my own doing at all. But God is so good, and He gets all the glory!