

Brian Bates

outside the lines

highlights

- National airplay on hundreds of stations
- "Step Outside the Lines" charts at #28
- "I Know Who I Am" charts at #25
- "Love Like Yours" to AC & Inspo Feb 07
- Domestic & International distribution
- Regional & National touring
- National Publicity campaign
- GMA semi-finalist in National Performance competition
- GMA finalist in National Songwriting competition
- 8 year solo ministry
- 15 year worship leader

song list

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| 1 WILD SIDE OF GRACE | 7 ELOI, ELOI |
| 2 ACCANTO A ME (BESIDE ME) | 8 MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE |
| 3 I KNOW WHO I AM | 9 LOVE LIKE YOURS |
| 4 WAIT FOR ME | 10 PRISONER |
| 5 LISTENING | 11 FIRST LOVE |
| 6 STEP OUTSIDE THE LINES | |

my story

One Sunday, I was sitting in a gay bar, loaded and lost. The next Sunday, I was in church, starting over. God rescued me. Then he taught me **who I am**. And that has made all the difference.

Growing up, I was a creative kid with a passion for Jesus and music. And yet, I couldn't seem to identify with the men around me, not my Father, older brothers or peers. I was an artistic and sensitive kid, which some perceived as less than masculine. I think others decided I was gay long before I did. Getting tagged as such isolated me. I didn't know who I was, or where I belonged.

My struggles evolved into an identity as a young gay man, as my faith and passions faded. Being gay seemed to resolve a lifetime of unanswered questions. And as that community welcomed me, I finally fit in. Yet my good intentions were often met with disappointment. Relationships were never fulfilling, and friendships rarely true. My life evolved into a party lifestyle to escape reality and avoid God. In my early twenties, near the end of my rope, I began to cry out to God for rescue. One night in a bar, I heard God say to my heart, "I have heard your cries. I am the way out. Follow Me. Yet you can't bring anything with you." I knew it was a chance to start over. I left that life behind that night, and burned all my bridges.

The Sunday after I followed Jesus out of that bar, I walked into the church that has been my home for over ten years. I connected with godly men, which allowed a lifetime of legitimate needs to start being met. Much of my healing has come from just being "one of the guys". And God resurrected my old passion for music. I joined my church's music ministry, and began song-writing and collaborating with other artists. Through this new community, I found my way back to my passion and purpose.

Over the years, I have learned to stand on what God says about me. My identity crisis is over. **I know who I am** — as a man, as a child of God. Jesus offered me a path to become the man I was destined to be, and I accepted. And the path keeps turning! For years, I've balanced a successful investment career with a part-time solo ministry. But restlessness has grown. I started looking down the road and realized monetary success at the expense of a calling would only bring regret. In 2004, I renegotiated my business partnership to part-time. Soon after came a new CD, success at GMA, increasing radio play and concerts galore! As God keeps opening doors, I'll keep going through. We'll see what's next!

quotes

"Brian has substance, and a great voice with which to tell his story."

- *Michael Olson, Recording Artist, Rockettown Records*

"Brian's music looks deep inside himself, finding places we all can relate to."

- *John McLain, Music Director, KCBI Dallas TX*

"...an incredibly gifted vocalist."

- *Powersource Magazine*

"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, Music Director, KAMB Merced CA*

"After 18 years in the music industry, I've seen ministries come and go. Brian Bates offers one of the most unique and vital ministries to the church today."

- *Gina Adams, Publicist, Christian Publicity Services, Nashville TN*



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