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Years ago a very spiritual and prophetic man of God spoke some inspirational words to me when he said *"music was the way I see God"*. Those seven simple words had a profound impact on my life and these many years later I'm even more convinced of how accurate his words were. I'm sure God wires everyone a little different, but for me I find music an extremely powerful line of communication between myself and my Creator. First of all, the one who created me gave me a propensity towards music, and a talent to be inspired and creative in that medium. For others it might be painting or sculpture, others may be so engaged by the study of theology, that they sense God through their studies. A naturalist may feel most alive when connected to nature, and sees God in the balance and magnificence of physical creation. We all have our own way of feeling close to God. I love the parable about those who were given talents by God, and how their stewardship of that talent yielded different outcomes. The one who hid it under a bushel was disappointing to God, since they produced no fruit with their talent. Whereas, the one who used their talent, and let it shine for all to see, in him God was well pleased, yielding much fruit. I'm dating myself here, but I am old enough to remember going to see the classic hit movie *"Chariots Of Fire"*. I'll never forget the words of the runner who chose not to run on the Sabbath due to their beliefs and faith. He said, and I quote *"I feel His pleasure when I run"*. I identify with this man's statement with a resounding *"Yes!"*. This parallels my own personal journey, and understanding of the synergy between music and spirituality. So to borrow from those words, simply put, *"I feel His pleasure when I write, produce, or play music."*



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