

Christina Grimmie's Father: God's Plan Is Better Than My Plan

In a heart-breaking memorial service, former *The Voice* contestant Christina Grimmie's friends and families bid farewell to the young singer.

But in such a time of pain, they knew their hope was in something much greater.

"This crowd has blessed me beyond words," father Bud Grimmie told the crowd. "There is this gigantic hole in my heart that I know is never going to go away, but God showed me He is way bigger than that hole. I believe that. There are three things that keep me upright rather than being a crumpled mess in the corner. I know I am going to see her again."

The Grimmies raised their daughter to praise Jesus from the beginning.

"I don't have too much to say. I could tell you about the memories of when she was a baby and she lah-la-lahed and when she was getting a bath, I'd tell her to sing for Jesus," Tina Grimmie said.

In Christina's death, many fans remember her faith in Christ above all.

On a GoFundMe page, fans poured out thoughts and donations.

"I have been so touched and moved by Christina's faith in Christ. It has been really hard for me this week, but I rest assured knowing that she is in a better place. As I write this now, I know Christina is walking with Jesus Christ in heaven. I want to let the Grimmie family know that I am praying for you all and also for all her friends and fans. I pray for

comfort and healing at this time for all. I guess now heaven's angels have another member in their choir. Christina Grimmie, you will be missed forever by me. It's goodbye for now until we meet again," posted user Samuel Spray.

Fan Shirley Hansen wrote in part: "I hope you find it reassuring that so many of us grieve with you. After watching the memorial service on the internet, I realized something; that Christina was a gift and a light, given to you and to the world, as an amazing instrument of Christ. All of our children are gifts to us, but Christina was an extreme example of how precious these gifts are."

"From there you continued to amaze me, and completely had my heart and became my favorite artist/vocalist/YouTuber/and person when I heard you proclaim your faith in Jesus—we were officially *sisters* in Christ. Though you were just one year younger than I am, I looked up to you so much, and you were such an incredible role model and inspiration for me—as a musician, a vocalist and most importantly a believer in Jesus Christ ... ," posted Joy Johnston. "Thank you for being *bold* in your faith, and not letting anyone or anything shake that foundation. Thank you blessing and impacting so many lives so deeply, including my own."