

How God Transformed a Drugged-Out, Music-Obsessed Rebel

Dr. Michael Brown says the most powerful, revolutionary tool we have is music. And he has the testimony to prove it.

“But my own life was really heavily impacted by music,” Brown tells “Greenelines.” “The Beatles came to the United States in 1964, so I was 9 years old. I had just started playing drums. I saw my first rock concert at the age of 13, the Jimi Hendrix Experience.

“That really opened me up to the whole world of drugs and rebellion, which shaped my life in ages of 14 to 16. I went to one rock concert after another. All the biggest groups I saw. Basically, my life was going to school, getting high, playing with a rock band, practice, going to rock concerts, listening to rock music. That was it,” Brown says.

But then God intervened in a way Brown understood to his core:

When I got radically saved, it was in a little Italian Pentecostal church and the pastor's wife playing piano. But something about those little hymns, the joy of the Lord, touched me, and I was supernaturally overcome. I don't want to use the word supernaturally that much, but I experienced and encountered the love of God singing these little hymns in this church. One way with this destructive power music, I experienced another way with this life-giving power. I've seen it, I've lived it. I've used music in my life over the years and I feel that it is many ways the most powerful revolutionary tool we have for good or for bad depending on the message associated with it.

So what do we do with this knowledge? Listen to the podcast to find out!