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What Are My Kids Listening To?

Giving advice on music is a delicate matter. Some Christian commentators have clear views on what is appropriate and will tell you what your kids SHOULD listen to. While it's helpful to have a list of safe bands and singers you can encourage kids to listen to, many parents know that their teens (and younger!) will listen to whatever they like, either openly, or on the sly. When parents no longer understand their child's musical taste, or find it offensive, what can they do?



Unfortunately, many do nothing apart from voicing their disapproval. In the process, they miss the opportunity to understand the issues their son or daughter is grappling with. They fail to connect, engage, and comment in a way that encourages further conversation.

In September 2003, CRC's Steve Bell began studying and commenting on popular culture in programmes for radio. Since then, he has learned to see spiritual significance, references and connections in the songs of the world and to use these to reveal to people their own inherent spirituality – and draw them towards the light.

The website www.whataremykidslisteningto.com is CRC's new, growing resource for parents to help them understand what their kids are listening to. Every time Steve records a programme for the *popology.net* broadcasts, he writes an article for parents on a popular band or artist, under three helpful headings, for example: Who is Rihanna, Who Listens To Rihanna, and How To Connect.

We invite you to use this resource and recommend it to friends. Contact us through the website with suggestions of artists YOUR family are listening to that you'd like to understand.

Please note: While *whataremykidslisteningto.com* is for Christians, *popology* is for an unchurched audience. CRC does not endorse the worldview and values of the songs and artists on the music charts.



CRC's new online media service is growing as we continue to refine the website in response to feedback from users. Go to the Library at www.resonate.org.nz

for a selection of material from CRC's Classics collection and messages recorded at Laidlaw College, Compass conferences and a number of New Zealand churches.

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New DVDs

V1025 – V1028 | Living the Life of Faith series

V1025 | Barbara Barker | Truth is not just for our Heads | 41min

We each have a final authority – either human reason or the revelation of God. Faith means choosing to accept what God says regardless of what anyone else says. By faith we are saved, by faith we persevere through suffering and by our faith God is glorified.

V1026 | Barbara Barker | The Possibilities of Faith | 53min

Through the power of Christ in us we are able to live the life of faith. In John 15 we discover that the branch connected to the vine receives sustenance and is able to bear fruit.

V1027 | Barbara Barker | Living Faith – What does it look like? | 55min

Believing and responding (in actions and words) are both part of faith. Barbara uses her own experience to explain that only Christ can meet our needs for happiness, security or fulfilment.

V1028 | Denise Hamilton | Faith in Tough Times | 37min

A personal tragedy may turn us away from God if our relationship with Him is based on false assumptions. Jesus warned that we would have trouble in this world but He also said “Take heart”. God loves you; God is in control of everything that happens to you; you can trust God’s promises. (CD version of this series AA57 – AA60)

V1048 | Carolyn Dodd | A Letter from a Friend | 42min

Carolyn explains Paul’s letter to Philemon in the context of someone writing to a friend.

Paul affirms the value of this friendship, telling Philemon “I am praying for you”, “I hear good things about you” and “I want you to grow”. He also says he is confident Philemon will make the right decision about receiving the runaway slave Onesimus back again. It is an appeal made on the basis of love.

V1049 – 1052 | Charles Price | Transformations: Following the Signs of Jesus’ Miracles

In John’s Gospel we find eight miracles or “miraculous signs”. The word “signs” is important because a sign is not an end in itself; it is a pointer to something else.

V1049-1 | Changing Water into Wine | 42min

John 2:1-11

V1049-2 | Three Stages of Faith | 43min

John 4:46-54

V1050-1 | Healing at the Pool of Bethesda | 45min

John 5:1-9

V1050-2 | The Feeding of the 5000 | 44min

John 6:1-13

V1051-1 | When the Things Over Our Head are Under His Feet | 41min

John 6:16-21

V1051-2 | The Healing of the Man Born Blind | 44min

John 9

V1052-1 | Raising of Lazarus from the Dead | 45min

John 11:1-44

V1052-2 | The Miraculous Catch of Fish | 54min

John 21

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by John Lindsay CRC’s Operations Director



Two men who served God at CRC more than 40 years ago have died in recent months.

Harry Yeoman worked in all areas of radio programme production while Henry Cuttriss spent his time building and maintaining studio equipment.

Harry began producing programmes with CRC’s first Director Alister Macdonald in Auckland before both men moved south and continued the work in Christchurch. Henry was a young electrical engineer who lived only a few doors from the CRC studios and volunteered hundreds of hours in technical services and tape production.

Both Harry and Henry were married with family when they worked at CRC so they also had home responsibilities to consider. We thank God for the way May Yeoman and Joan Cuttriss supported their husbands in God’s service.

The founders and early workers in a new ministry are typically highly motivated individuals. God has revealed a need or an opportunity and shown how their skill, training and experience fit the situation. They persevere despite cramped working space and limited equipment and funds.

As I consider these two men and the many I have worked with at CRC in the past 25 years, I am reminded of the great variety among Christian workers. God calls people of many different talents, personalities and skills. While these differences sometimes create tension and misunderstanding, they enrich the team and stimulate us to produce a wealth of valuable resources.

Every generation produces a fresh pool of talent. They have to grapple with changes in culture, production technologies and distribution systems – without compromising the clear communication of the Gospel. We honour the memory of early workers such as Harry and Henry when we use their example to help a new generation follow God’s call into His service.

The work we do today is built on the efforts of those who have gone before us.

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