

# Transformers Transformed by Music

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RRR, Sin

## —Opening Thoughts—

When it comes to recycling, there are three Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.  
When it comes to sin, we'll look at three Rs: Repent, Receive, Refine.

### —Scripture: 1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

### —The Process We'll Discuss:

**We repent of our sins.**

**We receive God's forgiveness through Christ Jesus.**

**Our desires are refined, and we are purified.**

"I Repent" by Derek Webb

"Ocean Floor" by Audio Adrenaline

"Refine Me" by Jennifer Knapp

### —Song #1— "I Repent" by Derek Webb

I repent of my pursuit of America's dream  
I repent of living like I deserve anything  
My house, my fence, my kids, and my wife  
In our suburb where we're safe and white  
I am wrong and of these things I repent

I repent of parading my liberty  
I repent of paying for what I get for free  
The way I believe that I am living right  
By trading sins for others that are easier to hide  
I am wrong and of these things I repent

I repent judging by a law that even I can't keep  
Wearing righteousness like a disguise  
To see through the planks in my own eyes  
I repent of trading truth for false unity

I repent of confusing peace and idolatry  
Of caring more of what they think  
Than what I know of what they need  
and domesticating You until You look just like me  
I am wrong and of these things I repent

### —Scripture: Psalm 32:3-5

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

- 1) What do you think of the song—is it extreme or is it convicting? Why?
- 2) Looking through Derek's lyrics, did any of the sins he repented of stick out to you?
- 3) Some of those sins could arguably be listed as blessings as well. Can a blessing become a sin? Can a sin become a blessing?

—Quote: "Take joy in the fact that your sins are real and that your Savior is real." — Derek Webb

### —Song #2 — "Ocean Floor" by Audio Adrenaline

The mistakes I've made  
That caused pain  
I could have done without  
All my selfish thoughts  
All my pride  
The things I hide  
You have forgot about

They're all behind you  
They'll never find you  
They're on the ocean floor

Your sins are forgotten  
They're on the bottom  
Of the ocean floor

My misdeeds  
All my greed  
All the things that haunt me now  
They're not a pretty sight to see  
But they're wiped away  
By a mighty wave  
A mighty wave, mighty wave

They're all behind you  
They'll never find you  
They're on the ocean floor  
Your sins are forgotten  
They're on the bottom  
Of the ocean floor

Take them away  
To return no more  
Take them away  
To the ocean floor

### —Scripture: Isaiah 43:25

I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

### —Scripture: Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

- 1) Is there a difference between your sins being forgiven and your sins being forgotten?
- 2) Which is harder — forgiving or forgetting? Why?
- 3) What can we do when we can't seem to forget our past sins and guilt keeps eating us up?

—**Quote:** “Forgiveness doesn’t change the past—it changes the future.” Bernard Meltzer, summarized.

—**Song #3— “Refine Me” by Jennifer Knapp**

I come into this place Burning to receive your peace I come with my own chains From wars I've fought for my own selfish gain You're my God and my Father I've accepted your Son But my soul feels so empty now What have I become?	My heart can't see When I only look at me My soul can't hear When I only think of my own fears They are gone in a moment You're forever the same Why did I look away from You? How can I speak Your name?	For I long to be reconciled to you  It's all I can do To give my heart and soul to You And pray, and pray, oh I will pray...  Lord, come with Your fire, burn my desires; refine me Lord, my will has deceived me Please come and free me Come rescue this child For I long to be reconciled to You
Lord come with your fire Burn my desires Refine me Lord my will has deceived me Please come and free me Refine me Refine me	Lord, come with your fire Burn my desires Refine me Lord my will has deceived me Please come and free me Come rescue this child	Refine me, refine me Refine me, refine me

—**Scripture:** Colossians 1:21-23

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.

- 1) Why is it important to be renewed and refined?
- 2) What do you think it means to be “reconciled” to God?

—**Quote:** “In the New Testament Greek we really find the depth of meaning for this word (reconcile), which is TO CHANGE THOROUGHLY. There can be no true unification without first a thorough change. Thus we are not seeking for just a present-time harmony, covering over the past, and hoping for the best in the future, but we desire that the Spirit of God, working within, shall bring a thorough change in us, and then we shall be united with our Lord.” — Ray Prinzing

**Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.**  
**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**  
**Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.**  
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**  
**Psalm 51:9-12**