



Pastor Hanke's Blog

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Confusing Images

Bible Reference: John 2:1-11

In high school I was convinced that rock 'n roll music was from the devil. I struggled to believe that Jesus could use it in any form or fashion. Though I loved music, instead of listening to rock 'n roll, I poured hours into listening to R & B (which didn't help calm my desire to be married). A few years later when I found a band called MXPX, I realized the truth—all rock 'n roll was not from the devil. MXPX was a punk rock band that shared the message of Jesus in their lyrics, and I got the chance to meet them and talk to them about their music. Their music was instrumental in communicating faith in non-traditional formats. I realized I had been dealing with some confusing images.

Since that time, I have heard that MXPX doesn't set the best Christian example while on tour, and the most unfortunate part, the lead singer has renounced his faith. I so badly did not want this to be true! I loved the image I had of the lead singer as a strong Christian man speaking his faith to this world through music. Once again I was dealing with some majorly confusing images.

The Bible can have some confusing images as well. On one hand we read about the wars that went on, and on the other hand we read do not kill. Certainly many religious leaders of Jesus' day were confused with the images of Jesus loving sinners and not following Jewish laws. Those are easier to clarify and understand, but what about the crazy story of Jesus' first miracle—the wedding at Cana. It was a party and Jesus made more wine. Is that how Jesus should have used His powers, for more wine? How often do we just gloss over these confusing images and rather than wrestling with them. This weekend we will talk about some of the confusing images surrounding Jesus' first miracle and look at what this miracle teaches us.

God's Peace,

Pastor Will