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Answering Machine "Wait for the BEEP!" Don't be an answering machine. Take care with Christ in everything you say and do.

<u>Apart</u>

"Never alone to cross the sea" You are never alone if you have Christ.

<u>Big Top</u>

"Life is a circus" How do we get out of the Big Top? Come to know Christ as your Savior and you will have peace.

"Why can't we be open" Can we be more open? Yes, but we must still guard our hearts from the forces of evil.

<u>Bitter Sweet Dreams (You're Not Sleepy)</u> "Shake of all your misery" Shake off misery. How?

You cannot do it by yourself. You need help. The answer is Jesus.

Breakin' Up "In a world without any glue" God is the glue. Follow him and you will find Mr. or Ms. Right.

Can We Find It

"Can we find it? Is it there?" When two [or more] people come together to meet in His name, they can find Jesus there with them. The joke (sad tragedy) of this song is that without Him, living in sin, or living without your sins forgiven, you cannot find "It" (Him). You must first have faith in Jesus Christ and allow Him to enter your heart.

Carefree

"Doing what you want isn't a crime" Doing what you want MAY be a crime! If what you do is a sin, you have committed a real crime. The good news is that if you repent, Jesus will forgive you.

"As long as she had her freedom" Her freedom is a false one. True freedom is to be a "slave" of God.

"The future's not a problem" The future IS a problem to be solved with faith in God and prayer.

<u>Childlike</u>

"I'm still childlike." If you come to know Christ as your Savior you will be come a child of God and have eternal life.

City Living

"Work both day and night" Working both day and night. Will it get you to heaven? No, only belief that Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sins and our sins and that he rose on the third day will guarantee you a place in heaven.

"How much for the rock?" No charge! The Rock is Jesus, and He is free. All you need to do is believe in Him.

<u>Crazy</u>

"People think that I'm a bad nut"

All have sinned from the time of Adam. Christ (who is God) was the only perfect man to have walked this earth. The good news is that there is peace and the promise of salvation for those who accept Him as their Savior.

Don't Pressure Me

"These things take time" Good things take time. Ask God and then trust in God to provide for your needs and others needs. Don't pressure me. Pray for me.

Driving

"Got to stay on the road"

There is only one road to heaven: through the Lord Jesus Christ. There are many roads, but there is no other way that will lead you to heaven.

Evening of Persuasion

"Don't hold back your love"

Christ is calling you to be among his people, to be under his wing of protection from Satan. Please let him into your heart so that you may be saved.

Exi.Stance

"Wondering how I got here" No need to wonder any longer. God has brought you here for a purpose: to serve Him for the good of all.

"So what am I supposed to do in the meantime"

Don't just sit there; get active! Active Christians are ready to help people get on their feet and come to know Christ as their Savior.

First Love

"You were my first love."

We have all left relationships with other people for one reason or another, but now is the time to begin or return to the most important relationship which is with our Spiritual Father (our true First Love). Remember: God was Christ's first love... and last love. Christ was and is God. Put Christ in first place in your heart and do not ever let him go.

<u>Flags</u>

"Maintaining all the glory and the spirit held within."

Satan rules over all the worldly things, but Christ rules over all the spiritual things and over Satan as well. Make the world a place for God's glory that every heart in every country will confess that Christ is Lord!

Fortune Teller

"She'll predict your future if it stings"

False prophets only bring a spirit of error. The last true prophet that there ever was and will ever be is Jesus Christ. He is the prophet to end all prophets because He was God in the form of a man. Now Jesus lives with God in heaven, ready to guide us down the righteous and only true path for our lives with the spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit. Only God knows the story from beginning to end, and Jesus was God in the flesh, therefore all knowing.

Four Letter Words

"Pain"

Only good words (such that speak the Gospel) should come out of the mouths of God's people. Bad words hurt and have bad consequences like other sinful acts.

Go Your Way

"You had the nerve to abandon me"

People will abandon you, but God <u>never</u> will. You may abandon God, but God will always wait for your return with open arms.

"Go your way"

Yes, you can go your way, but only His way leads to abundant life here on earth and eternal life in heaven. So please let God choose your way.

Guiding Light

"I've always loved you"

Always take time to praise the Lord for all you have and all he has done for you. God loves to hear His children pay compliment to His work. After all, we were designed to worship Him.

The Happy Song

"And he said, 'Yes' "

Do not underestimate prayer as a means to getting the things you need. Opportunity will abound in your life, and good things can only come by setting aside prayer time and asking God to provide for your needs as He sees fit. God wants us to depend on Him. Let's face it; we really cannot do anything without God; however, with God, all things are possible.

Here We Are

"In the same old place"

The body is the same (perhaps a little run down), but it is the spirit within us that is growing daily as we walk in the faith with Jesus. It is the fruit of the Holy Spirit that allows us to grow and reach new higher levels of conscienceness.

I Like To Dance

"Together can we be, Living happily?"

In order to live together with anyone including God, you need to compromise. You need to be humble and ready to make changes in your life to suit the other person's needs. God wants to help you and to be your best friend. Are you ready to try and see things more His way?

I Love Her

"I'd follow her to the ends of the earth"

Be humble and willing to do anything for your spouse. You will find that he/she will follow up by doing the same for you. Remember marriage is a compromise between you, your spouse, and God.

<u>Just Get To Heaven</u>

"Where will I be traveling on"

The afterlife is promised to be good for those who are saved, but our place in heaven will be based on our degree of good works here on earth. So do your best here (on earth) and you will not have anything to worry about when you meet Jesus at the road's end.

<u>A Kiss</u>

"A mutual reaction"

Dating can be fun, but be careful not to sin. The Bible states that sex before marriage is a sin, so how ever hard it may be to control one's emotions, remember that the best experiences are found following the rules of the Lord. Breaking the laws will have its consequences. Enjoy yourselves, but do things in the right order, and seek lasting heterosexual relationships that are sealed by marriage.

Lightnin'

"I think I just died"

When the Holy Spirit whispers in your ear, perhaps just before you sin, it may feel like a small shock. That's just Jesus tending to his flock, helping to keep the lambs on the right path. The penalty for sin is death. Sometimes God just gives us a reminder.

Loss of Mind

"I'm losing my memory...I don't care"

There are many diseases that attack the mind, and there are forces that attack the spirit. The physical flesh will one day grow weak, but that should not stop you from cultivating the good spirit within to grow stronger every day.

Lost and Found

"I only thought there was me"

You are definitely NOT alone. Even when you think that no one is there at all, God is right there. You may not always feel his presence, but you should base your thinking on the fact (not the feeling) that God is omniscent and omnipotent, meaning he is always present, all knowing, and all powerful.

Lost Time

"Now it's gone and lost forever"

Moments and relationships in life come and go, but God is the one "thing" that is unchanging throughout time. He is the Truth, and there is only One Truth. Pictures fade with time, but God's love for us is undying.

Magic of Music

"Feel the rhythm in your soul"

How good it feels to be in the perfect will of God! To be in time, and in step with the plan He has for us is certainly a blessing and music to our ears! Let us move the beat of our Lord!

Melt the Snow

"There are times when we've had it out"

Don't let distance come between you and your loved ones. Try to resolve problems as quickly as possible. Do likewise with God. Make peace with God. If you have any unforgiven sins, please repent without haste, so that you can remain unblemished for the life in heaven.

Missing The One You Love

"Timeless space in between"

Do you feel far from God? He is waiting for you to return to Him with His arms open wide. He is ready to forgive your sins and start you back on the road to abundant life. You don't have to stay in pain, but rather live in peace and harmony close to God and following His plan for your life.

"Some day perhaps our paths might steer"

Steer your way back to Jesus, then give the steering wheel to Him. All you need is faith and then everything else will fall into place. You will nevermore be alone.

Momentum

"He is desperately searching for the answer"

Science's search for the truth will never end, because scientists can never take that ultimate leap of faith that is necessary for peace and salvation. Science requires proof, but grace requires faith.

The Money Rap

"I'm not gonna blow it, on trinkets or luck"

Greed and gambling are obviously sins. Yes, we need money for our material needs, but the focus needs to be on our Lord and His Word for our lives, not on our worldly desires. We cannot be reserved and not give (money or other material things) when we have sufficient supply to give, and the cause is just.

Monsterpiece Theatre

"The evil one, he stays away most of the day"

Just when you think that you have your temptations conquered, that is when Satan makes his move - when you least expect it. He wants to catch you off-balance - to see you fall. Stay on your gaurd and be prepared with the Word of God.

Motional

"But then I was uptight"

When we are caught off-balance (by the devil), we can lose our composure; we can get overemotional. Be careful. This can be a prime opportunity to sin. If you have prepared your mind and heart through Bible Study and through prayer, then you will be able to remain calm when the scales tip.

"And you keep skating"

Relationships, especially ones based on lust, have extreme ups and downs. If you are found in such a situation, pray and ask God to guide you to decide if this is a relationship based in love or in the flesh. If lust is your driving force, you should not hesitate to break up the intimate relationship. The sooner you do this, the sooner you will return to the perfect will of God.

My Only One

"I see you comin' though my window"

When the right person comes along, with God's guidance, you will know it! Your heart and mind will be in concordance. You will be right with God and feel right with your significant other. Yes, it is wonderful!

<u>Nancy</u>

"NANCY!"

When a feeling starts out however small, but continues to build, never failing, that is a good sign that your on the right road. How often have we jumped for initially big feelings, and been mislead? Remember to base your direction on the fact and not the feeling, and the feeling will most certainly follow and grow, and you will be fruitful.

Ojos Sexuales

"Paga ahora por la noche"

There are consequences to be paid for our sins. When we repent we are forgiven and cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ, but remember that the consequences remain.

Opening Hearts

"I say love, Is something from within."

When Jesus walked the earth, he basically preached about God's love for his people and that if we opened our hearts to Him, we would reap the benefits of heaven and have peace on earth. Have you opened your heart to Jesus? Perhaps, He is waiting for you to accept Him, so that he may accept you into heaven.

Paradox

"And let all the fools, Set all the rules"

If God is not the center of our lives, then who is? If God is not our master, then some other force certainly is! Satan would like you to believe that you can control your own life, but the fact is that if God is not ruling over you, then the king of fools, the devil, is your master. Do not become a puppet of evil influences. Let Jesus into your heart, and become a "slave" of good works.

Perfect Girl

"I'm lookin' for a girl"

Be careful about what "looks good". Do not, as they say, judge a book by its cover. A pretty girl may have an evil spirit. Pay careful attention to what your potential girlfriend's or spouse's actions are, because these actions dictate the type of person that they are internally. In short, what they do is who they really are (not what they say or what they look like).

"Who's just right for me."

You want a girl perfect for YOU, not necessarily perfect for the cover of a magazine. You want a marriage perfect in God's eyes, not in the eyes of the top movie producers. So, look for lasting qualities that match ideals that are rooted in the Bible, God's word.

Professionalism

"Especially when it really doesn't matter to me."

No matter how seemingly unimportant it is to be professional in our work environment, there are those whom we work with who are waiting to judge us, should our appearance lack lustre. Remember we represent Christ inside AND out, and non-believers need to see that our outward appearance looks good, too! Although God is the only true judge (and we Christians are taught not to judge others) non-believers will judge us for whatever reason they like or for no reason at all. So, keep up your appearance at work. Yes, God knows your heart, but some people do not!

Riding High

"Knowing why won't help you to fly." Only...

fact: that Jesus died on the cross and rose on the third day for our salvation,

faith: faith in God, to be dependent on Him to direct your life,

and obedience: humbling yourself to do God's will for your life

will allow you to soar "higher than eagles fly."

There are all too many explanations on flying that cannot even get you to take-off, so trust in God and you will earn your wings.

Roses in the Night

"It looked as if I'd never ever see her again"

Sometimes we make decisions in our lives that separate us from a relationship further and further as time goes on. We look back and see what might have been. But, instead, we should look forward with the aid of the omniscient vision of God to make new relationships with the people we encounter each and every day. Do not let the day pass without trying to extend a kind word which could begin a new relationship with someone else. Later, this relationship could lead to bringing that person to Christ, should be or she not already be saved.

<u>Say It</u>

"There's just so much that I can do"

If you are not bringing Christ into your life or relationship with others, there may be nothing you can do -- to save the relationship -- or even a marriage. If you don't have the "Rock", then you are probably (or most certainly) building your castle (i.e. life or relationship) on the sand, which means the first bad storm may destroy it. Plant your feet firmly on the Rock, which is Jesus, build your castle there, and you will be able to weather any storm.

Season's Greetings

"Giving gifts that only come from God above"

The best gifts that we can receive in life come from God. At Christmas, we are pleased to receive presents from others, but we should do most of our rejoicing over the blessings that God has bestowed on our lives. Take time at Christmas as well as all through the year to pray and thank God for all the things you have.

Some People

"Some people only live and fight"

Don't forget, there is a spiritual battle out there. No matter how much we all want peace in our lives, the paradox is that we all have to fight for it. Do not worry; however, because if you are a child of God, the victory is already in your hands. Just follow God's guidance, pray, and attend church with an attentive ear, and you will secure peace in your life... and begin to bring peace to others.

The Search

"It's an endless supply"

You cannot buy it in any store; you can't find it anywhere. The only way for you to receive this unlimited supply of Love is when your tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior

We Must Care

"The problems that we share"

We all need to love one another, but sometimes we lack the capacity or strength to care. Tap into the best energy source there is in the universe and beyond: from God through Jesus Christ. There is no love stronger than the love and forgiveness that Jesus was able to give. Team up with Christ and you will have all the power you need to love, give, and care.

Writing to Right

"The more you write, the better you write"

And the more you pray, the better you pray! The first time that you might ever pray, you may not be able to say all that is on your mind to God, but that is OK. Do not be frustrated for God understands your heart. He knows you inside and out. So why pray? Praying is a humbling act that demonstrates to God our love for Him and our willingness to be obedient to Him. It is also an opportunity to praise Him for all He has done for us. After all, we were created to worship Him. So, open your mouth and let the words flow. Imagine that your words are being transcribed by the angels as a record for God's heavenly database (and maybe they are!).

"So write some more, And then click door!"

After all is said and done, if our name has been written in the Book of Life, we will enter the gates (door) of heaven. But, in order to "earn" this privilege, God asks two things from us: (1) to accept that His one and only son, Jesus Christ, died on the cross for our sins, rose on the third day, now sits in heaven at the right hand of God, and (2) to believe that He is the Only One who provides for your salvation. It is by His grace that you are saved. Please accept Jesus as your Savior, begin to pray to Him, and one day you will walk through that door that enters into heaven!

You Oughtta Know

"You really ought to know by now"

"You really ought to know by now" that God loves you. God created you with love, and he keeps on loving and working with you. If you are on His side, you have nothing to fear. He wants to mold you into a being that can be used for the good of all, but you need to open your heart and allow him to work with you. "So, pick up your face;" you have a bright future ahead of you!

"Don't need no reason why."

The only reason you need to smile is the fact that you are a Christian and that you are a real believer.

Vocalists: Paul Kochanowsky and Dale Neumann

Only One

"You make me lose my mind"

The Only One you need is God, and He wants to **cleanse** your mind (not steal it). He wants to purify your body, soul, and spirit. Satan wants you to believe that there is no one watching over you and that you are truly alone in this world. He would even like you to believe that he, the devil, does not exist so that he may influence you with even greater stealth. The devil wants to rob, kill, and destroy you, but Jesus has paved the way to offer you a new life, a new heart, and a new mind. Christ is ready to be your eternal friend, guiding you on your life's journey which ends in heaven being with Him.

Vocalist: Jim Tuggle

<u>Stay With Me</u> "Deep down in me, I've got a need"

...That only Christ can fill. No matter what your needs are, there is only one need that will completely satisfy you: Christ the Lord. With Him, all other things fall into place. If you serve Christ, Christ will serve you!

"Why don't you stay ... "

Jesus wants to stay in your heart, but you must invite Him in. And for Him to stay and "live" there, you need to be obedient to Him by following His laws, which are written in the Bible - the Word of God. When you sin, you need to repent to remain in His Grace. If you are not sure that you have sinned or what you did wrong, just pray and ask God to point out your fault, and he will tell you. With Jesus in your heart, you will cry no more.