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Trevor Bayne's Road to Winning NASCAR's Daytona 500 Not an Easy One, Story Revealed on I Am Second Champ says being second is what makes him a winner

DALLAS, August 16, 2011 – NASCAR driver Trevor Bayne made history when he became the youngest person to ever win the Daytona 500 this past February, but he admits he had to become second to survive the twists and turns on the road to No. 1.



Bayne shares his story of faith and perseverance in a video released on [I am Second](#), a website featuring the stories of personal struggle, transformation and hope of celebrities and everyday people.

“Growing up, racing gave me something to set myself apart,” said Bayne of growing up with a history of racing on both sides of his family. At the young age of 15, Bayne moved to North Carolina on his own to cultivate

his racing career. Around the same time he felt his self-assurance begin to grow, his faith in God started to slip away.

“Just when I thought I could handle it all on my own, God gave me a few wake up calls,” said Bayne.

One of his signs came when he flipped his Hummer into on-coming traffic, and three cars hit the roof of his car ripping out the top of his seat and steering wheel. But Bayne couldn't see the miracle that had happened. Then, he felt the one thing that mattered most to him slip out of his grasp – racing. He became sidelined for six months because of lack of sponsorship.

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“I was supposed to be in the Nationwide Series the next year; it was going to be the best year of my life,” said Bayne. “But I understood exactly what was happening; God was in control the whole time.”

Bayne began to turn to prayer, studying God’s word, and surrendered his life to what God wanted, not what he wanted. In 2011, he joined the Roush Fenway racing team, one of NASCAR’s largest premier racing teams, in the Nationwide Series. Through a partnership with the historic Wood Brothers team, Bayne also secured a handful of Sprint Cup starts, including the Daytona 500.

“I was thinking ‘There is no way we can win this race,’” said Bayne. “Nobody’s ever won the Daytona 500 in their first attempt.”

But Bayne proved statistics wrong. Feeling butterflies throughout the entire race, Bayne realized on the last lap that he was leading. Even as he crossed the finish line, he yelled into the radio in disbelief.

Bayne knows that while he has the talent, God gave him the opportunity. “God is in control and he is powerful, and he can do whatever he wants to, whenever he wants to, with whomever he wants to.”

Bayne decided to use his win as a platform to speak to audiences about his story and faith, something he says drives him to be a better Christian everyday.

“The Daytona 500 win is great, but it doesn’t define me – Christ defines me,” said Bayne. “Being second is what winning is all about. Being second makes me feel like the biggest winner in the world.”

I am Second is designed to help individuals discover hope. The [I Am Second](#) website includes authentic video stories related to a variety of personal struggles, including abuse, addictions, pride, eating disorders, broken families and the search for success and meaning in life.

Celebrities featured include 2010 American League MVP and Texas Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton; former Korn band member Brian “Head” Welch; surfer Bethany Hamilton; American Idol Season 7 contestant Jason Castro; child actress Bailee Madison; and football stars Bradie James, Colt McCoy and Sam Bradford.

[e3 Partners](#) launched I am Second in December 2008 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and has since formally introduced the movement to Orlando, Fla., Evansville, Ind., and Kansas City, Mo., with additional cities planned for the future. Since its launch, the movement has spread virally across the globe, with the website garnering nearly 5 million visits from 217 countries/regions. For additional information, visit <http://www.iamsecond.com>.