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Pro Skateboarder Brian Sumner Joins I am Second Movement

Sumner's love for Jesus surpasses his love for skateboarding

DALLAS, June 3, 2010 – Once controlled by anger, professional skateboarder Brian Sumner shares why he is defined by his love for Jesus, not skateboarding, in the latest video, which launched yesterday, from iamsecond.com – a bold multimedia movement designed to help people discover their purpose in life through Jesus.

Growing up in Liverpool, England, Sumner got his first skateboard as a gift for his 13th birthday and instantly fell in love with the sport. He found his identity in skating and his natural talent led him to the United States where he soon began a successful career as a professional skateboarder and lived a lavish lifestyle as a teenager.

“The lifestyle of a pro for me, at the time, it was daily skating, barbecue after party after Jacuzzi after video premiere ... being on tour. You know, you are out-drinking everyone, people are starting to get messed up on this and on that,” Sumner says in his [I am Second film](#). “I began to get into some of the chaos that would later set a path for me.”

After a spontaneous marriage and, then, pregnancy with his new wife, the realities and responsibilities of the world began to come crashing down on Sumner. Despite the fact that he had a thriving career, beautiful family and affluent lifestyle, Sumner found himself angry and unsatisfied. He separated from his wife, was suicidal, turned to partying and fighting and eventually wound up in court, where he was sentenced to do community service hours at a Christian thrift store.

Determined to prove that God did not exist during his time at the Christian thrift store, Sumner wound up finding Jesus. He began attending church, reading the Bible and had a poignant experience of faith one night, during which he asked Jesus to come into his life and change him.

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“I realized that as I was trying to prove God wasn’t real, through His Scripture, He was speaking to me,” Sumner continues in his I am Second video. “I realized that the world changed when a man called Jesus Christ lived ... Jesus Christ showed up that night and changed my life – it has transformed everything about me.”

Sumner remarried his wife and, today, they have three children. He serves as a deacon in his church and uses his skating to share the love of Jesus with others.

Sumner’s I am Second video debuted yesterday, following recent films from wealthy businessman Wayne Huizenga Jr., former atheist and novelist Anne Rice and extreme skateboarder-turned-pastor Christian Hosoi, a friend of Sumner’s who was instrumental in his faith transformation.

Launched in the Dallas-Fort Worth market in December 2008, iamsecond.com has quickly spread virally across the globe, revealing the video stories of personal struggle, transformation and hope of celebrities and everyday people who put Jesus first in their lives. Celebrities featured in the campaign include Season 7 American Idol contestant Jason Castro, Indianapolis Colts former coach Tony Dungy and ex-member of the band Korn, Brian “Head” Welch. The movement’s videos cover a variety of personal struggles, including abuse, addictions, pride, eating disorders, broken families and the search for success and meaning in life.

To date, iamsecond.com has received nearly 2.5 million hits from visitors in 211 countries. Supporters of the campaign can join the I am Second [Facebook Fan Page](#), which currently has close to 125,000 members, or visit the new I am Second [store](#) where merchandise, tools and resources can be obtained.

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