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THE VOICE OF THE STUDENTS



SAVANNAH MOISAN
HAS GOALS

STOLEN LAPTOP, RECOVERED HOPE

STUDENTS INITIATE GOFUNDME CAMPAIGN FOR NURSING STUDENT

BY MADISON CALDWELL
CRESCENT STAFF

Jacques Stevenson St Gelus, a third-year nursing student at George Fox University (GFU) found his car broken into and ransacked on September 6th at approximately 3 a.m. while in Portland.

After a late night at work, St Gelus decided to spend the night at a friend's house in Southeast Portland, but he accidentally left his backpack in the back seat of his car.

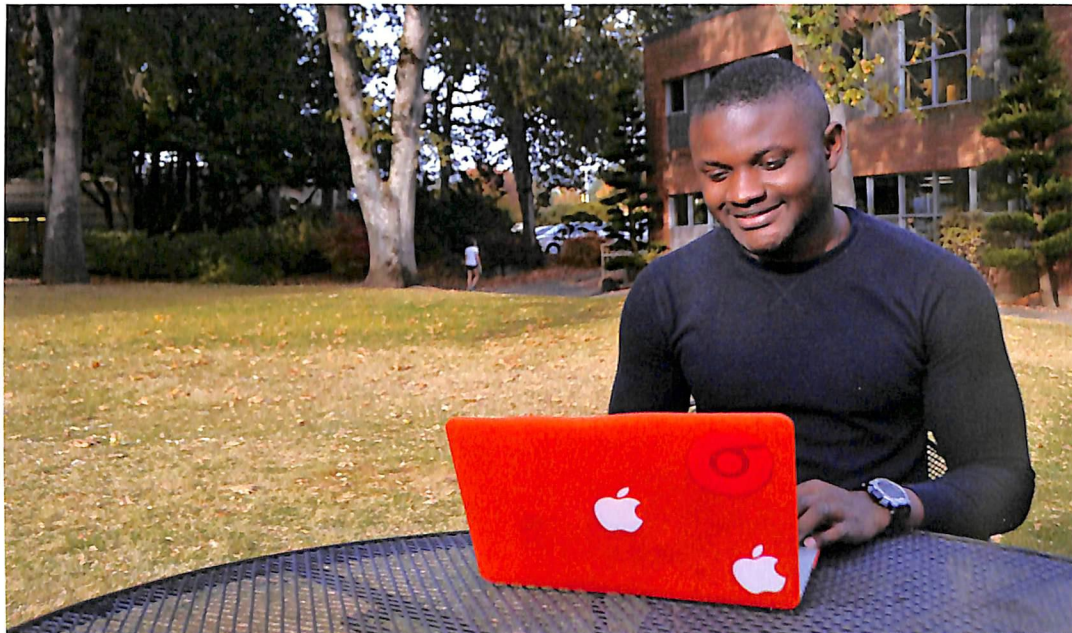
Just before leaving to grab his belongings, St Gelus received a text that read, "Your car got broken into."

St Gelus rushed over to his car and found this left back window shattered and his MacBook Pro, wallet and stethoscope gone.

"Everything I do revolves around this laptop," St Gelus said. "I was very discouraged and frustrated."

Over the summer he had struggled to find tuition money for school.

He didn't know if he could afford to come back for another semester at GFU, and losing his laptop added another \$1,500 he would have to raise in order to stay in school.



He said, "I didn't know what to do anymore. I was praying one night, 'God, now what?'" St Gelus told his friends in the nursing department about what had happened.

"IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS THE PAGE HAD RAISED \$1,000"

Three days later, he saw his name on a GoFundMe account on a friend's Facebook newsfeed. He clicked on the link and found a page titled "Replace Jacques' Laptop."

He saw that multiple people had donated anonymously and in less than 24 hours the page had raised at least \$1,000. By Sept. 10, the page had raised over \$1,250.

Madison Hokanson, another GFU nursing student, started the account to surprise St Gelus. Everyone who shared the link blocked St Gelus from seeing the link, although eventually he found it.

St Gelus was able to buy a new laptop with the money and learned an important lesson from the experience.

"This whole situation tells me God is watching over me. He was already taking care of it," St Gelus said. "The same day this happened, I felt like God was far away from me. In that moment, that's when He was the closest."

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THE LITTLE THINGS MATTER

GFU ACQUIRES \$180,000 MICROSCOPE FOR SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

BY CASSIDY SCOTT
CRESCENT STAFF

George Fox University (GFU)'s biology and chemistry department purchased a state-of-the-art confocal microscope in June, earning the distinction as the only private school on the West Coast to own such an instrument.

Although the microscope normally runs \$180,000, GFU was able to acquire the instrument after Leica Microsystems, the microscope's manufacturing company based out of Germany, extended a grant to the school, with the rest of the cost covered by university funds.

Now, with the acquisition of the microscope, more research doors have been opened for the biology and chemistry departments.

"THE IMAGES ARE HONESTLY JUST GORGEOUS"

"It does enable students who are doing research to have an exceptional experience. I mean, it's really phenomenal," John Schmitt, a biology professor, said. "There's no other college that is comparable to us that has anything of this magnitude."

What makes this confocal microscope superior to traditional microscopes is the addition of stable-state lasers. These lasers, once targeted on molecules, cause them to change color; this is helpful for students to see clearer structures within cells, molecules and tissues.

Furthermore, students will now be able to view samples in four dimensions, meaning samples can be viewed as they change over time, which Schmitt describes as "totally revolutionary."

Since its arrival in June, the confocal microscope has gotten a lot of exposure.

Over the summer, Schmitt led three research students -- Cody Coblenz, Emily Rawlings and Lael Papenfuse -- in his lab. Schmitt and his students were able to continue his current cancer research studies.

With the help of the confocal microscope, the students and Schmitt were able to observe high definition pictures of proteins within cancer cells as they merged.

"The images are honestly just gorgeous, which is maybe me being a big nerd, but I think you could show them to anyone and they'd be like, 'that's cool looking,'" Papenfuse said.

The microscope has also been used in general biology courses, as students take closer looks at neuron and cancer cells.

Overall, the confocal microscope addition is a big step forward for the science departments at GFU as students gain experience on such a state-of-the-art microscope.

"I feel very blessed to have that instrument, and I feel very grateful that we can share it with the students," Schmitt said. "I'm very humbled to have such a nice piece of equipment."



GFU Catholics Host New Club

PHOTO CREDIT: Kosette Isakson

BY JOHN WEINERT
CRESCENT STAFF

Kelsey Vaughn is a senior organizational communications major at George Fox University, and recently converted to Catholicism.

"I think the thing that drew me to Catholicism was the connection to history," said Vaughn. "The richness of the Church's traditions . . . and the fact that it's all around the world: you can go to Mass in Italy or China or Oregon and it's the same mass, it's the same scriptures."

Vaughn is one of the student leaders for GFU Campus Catholic Fellowship, a new organization on campus dedicated to providing a place for fellowship for Catholic students at GFU.

"I wouldn't say Fox is an unsafe place for Catholics, but it's just kind of hard to be in a minority sometime. It's nice to be with people who pray the same as you, go to the same kind of church as you, and feel accepted," said Vaughn.

Dr. Abigail Favale, professor of English at GFU and one of the faculty leaders of GFU Campus Catholic Fellowship, agrees.

"You definitely notice when you're on the outside of the dominant spiritual mentality at campus," said Favale. Still, Favale emphasized that

CATHOLIC GROUP SEEKS COMMUNICATION, COMMON GROUND

she felt Protestants and Catholics "share more than is different."

Finding common ground is another purpose of GFU Campus Catholic Fellowship. There has been a Catholic group in some form or another on campus for several years, but GFU Campus

"PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS 'SHARE MORE THAN IS DIFFERENT'"

Catholic Fellowship is something new. Unlike previous, more insular student Catholic groups, the Fellowship this year is trying to reach out and make connections with Protestant students at GFU.

"The secondary goal is to engage the rest of the campus and anyone who is curious about

Catholicism and wants to know what it's like," said Vaughn. "We're not trying to evangelize; just spread information and educate people."

Favale encourages anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism to join the group, which meets every Friday night from 7 to 8 in Pennington House. The group also holds mass on campus once a month with the local priest from St. Peter Catholic Church, an event for which chapel credit is available.

Favale says that she wants to "extend a warm invitation to anyone who is even just curious about Catholicism."

Another opportunity for students interested in learning more about Catholicism can be found in the upcoming Stump the Priest event, in which students will be able to engage in a question-and-answer session with several priests from the University of Portland. The event will take place at 7 p.m. on October 27 in Hoover 105.

"We're really excited about our faith and we want to share it to others," said Vaughn. "We don't want to convert others; we just want to invite others to experience the way we do church."

BY JORDAN WHITNEY
CRESCENT STAFF

Many college students spend quite a bit of time thinking about life after graduation. For Andrew Upchurch, a recent biblical studies and Christian ministries graduate, life after college has been an unforgettable adventure.

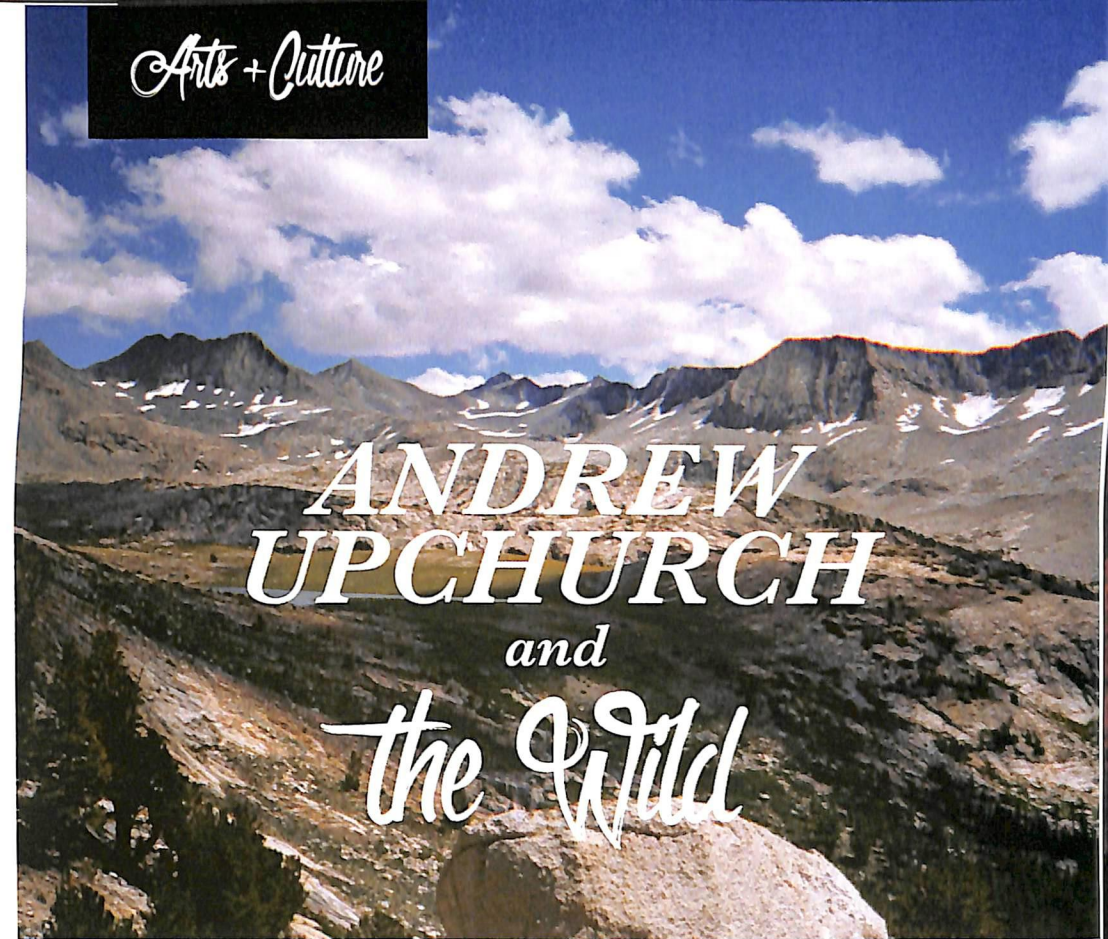
The organization Andrew volunteers with, aptly named "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks," provides the opportunity for people to serve and live at a national park.

"It is an organization whose mission is to embody and extend the ministry of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, and the development of Christian leaders," Upchurch said. While volunteering, Andrew has also worked as a rooms keeper for Yosemite National Park itself.

During his down time, Andrew has taken full advantage of having adventure just outside his doorstep. This time has created some fun memories, along with some dangerous encounters. When faced with a black bear on one of the trails, Andrew managed to keep his composure.

"I knew that turning my back on the bear and running would only probably make it pursue me more quickly than I could run, so I spread my arms away from my body and walked backward, still facing the bear," Andrew said. "When it started walking toward me as I was walking backwards, I had no idea what else to do!"

"Thankfully, when I quickly looked backward over my shoulder, I saw two other hikers at the end of the switchback, and when I was near them, the bear seemed to lose interest in continuing to follow me and turned off the path," he said.



Being fully immersed in an outdoorsman's paradise not only allows for seemingly endless exploration, but it also creates a truly special environment to foster a deep and lasting community. This is the thing Andrew has come to cherish the most out of his time in the Yosemite

Valley.

"When meaningful activity and intentional conversation collide, I feel God at work in ways that I don't even know how to describe or understand," Andrew said. "These moments are infinitely beautiful."

Collegiate Mentorship at GFU

BY EVANGELINA MONTELONGO
CRESCENT STAFF

The Little Bruins program reaches out to younger children in schools surrounding the Newberg community, aiming to rebuild the broken confidence of the students.

"It's up to us," said Azenay Tell, who heads the Little Bruins program, "to break through that curiosity and say, 'This is why you're important.' It's up to us to break through to our Little Bruin and say, 'I want you to be known.'"

Nearly every child brought into the Little Bruins program struggles with a difficult home life,

"LITTLE BRUINS HAS TAUGHT ME THE VALUE OF NEVER GIVING UP ON SOMEONE"

or other mental and emotional challenges. As the years move forward, the struggles they overcome don't just change their own future, but they also impact the lives of the mentors.

"Little Bruins has taught me the value of never giving up on someone that the systems of our society have deemed to be hard on the edges," said

Magen Rauscher, a Little Bruin mentor. "There's always room for growth and restoration."

Fifty-six Little Bruin applications were received this year, covering the Newberg school district and even reaching children at the Dayton Grade School. For Tell, it is especially comforting to know a struggling child will have the resources to find comfort in a role model.

"They would continue living life the way they live now," Tell said. "But I think that would be a bad thing. That could lead to depression and not finding your self-worth, not realizing you are loved."

Becoming a part of the Little Bruins is not just about the kids being reached. "It's going to slowly impact you and you're not even going to realize it," said Tell. "It's a small thing that just sweeps into your heart."

Watching young children struggle to find their own worth inspires each Little Bruins mentor to rise to higher standards. Helping the Little Bruins turns out to be an experience for every participant.

Reflecting on her own experience with her Little Bruin, Tell said, "Seeing how brave she was, beyond compare, encouraged me to be braver than I thought I could be."



NOTHING CAN STOP HER

Freshman Savannah Moisan makes a place for herself on the women's soccer team

BY HEATHER HARNEY
CRESCENT STAFF

Freshman Savannah Moisan had a pair of soccer cleats even before she was born.

Her mother, a soccer player from Denver, was determined to help her child love the game. Growing up in North Pole, Alaska — also known as Christmas Town — shaped Moisan's character, heart and drive to succeed.

In the winter, the town can reach temperatures of 40 below. Each car or truck has to be plugged in overnight to start. The lamp posts are wrapped in candy-cane stripes. There are no soccer clubs in town, so everything Moisan knows about the sport came from her mother.

Moisan played on her high school team. They would have to shovel snow off the field before practice. Unfortunately, she did not have the best relationship with her coach. During her senior year, the coach benched her several times.

The lack of playing time prevented her from making a proper recruitment video for university submissions. The film she did have was pieced from the local news station, but it did not highlight her abilities well.

Refusing to let her lack of a strong recruitment video stop her from pursuing her dream of playing college soccer, Moisan sent the film out to several institutions, including George Fox University (GFU).

She received an email from the women's soccer coach at GFU, Cory Hand, letting her know he would not be offering her a position on the team. He did say she could tryout for a walk-on spot.

"I sent him an email letting him know that I rejected his offer," said Moisan. "I told him that I was coming down to visit GFU and would like a chance to play with the team to show him what I could do."

"I told her that I could not schedule anything on campus for me to watch her," said Hand. "And yet, she still paid for her own way to visit. She found a way to play pickup games with the women off campus."

The first day, she put her foot on the ball, tripped, and fell — hard. She felt her opportunity slipping away, but she said to herself, "I know I have more. Don't hold back, and show them who you are." The next day, Moisan came back determined to show the team what she could do.

After one of the pick-up games, Coach Hand received a call from senior captain Becca Allen, who asked to speak with him face to face. At the meeting, Allen wasted no time stating what was on her mind: "Coach, Savannah, the recruit — we want her."

Moisan signed her letter of intent on her third day visiting GFU, accomplishing a lifelong dream.

"There was something about GFU," she said. "I visited another Portland school, but it was like a concrete jungle. George Fox reminds me of home."

Halfway into the season, Moisan has scored four goals, two of them game-winning, and she refuses to rest.

Coach Hand is impressed by how Moisan continues to push herself.

"In the last few minutes of the game against Willamette, the visiting team was doing everything thing to wind down the clock. Savannah finally asked them to put the ball on the field so she could just play," said Hand.

Moisan is devoted to her family and Catholic faith. Sadly, her father passed away two years ago, but his influence remains.

"I am who I am because of my parents," said Moisan. "My family does not want me to regret anything. They encourage me to take risks. I would not be here if I had not taken the risk of emailing Coach that I did not accept his offer."

More risks: leaving Alaska has been a culture shock for Moisan.

"I say things like 'What the halibut?' and 'Dang darn!' and 'Oh my stars.' People here just stare at me," she said with a smile.

She enjoys the fact that she can see the sun even on gray days. During the winter in North Pole, the night rules the sky. She keeps the blinds open in her room at GFU, much to the chagrin of her roommate, because she cherishes any light she can find.

People think her truck is electric because of the plug sticking out.

The truck was her father's.

She had it shipped to Seattle and then drove down to GFU. The drive was terrifying for her because she had never driven on anything other than a two-lane road; the freeway was overwhelming.

Being away from home has been hard, but Moisan finds strength from her teammates and her friends on campus. She does not settle; she always demands more of herself.

Hand is blown away by the infectious nature of Moisan's determination, character and heart for the game.

Her legacy, according to Hand, is not yet defined, but he is excited to witness her play, learn and grow.

"She doesn't realize how fast she is," said Hand. "She keeps playing like there are three people running her down. That character is what we need. Who she is has added to our team."

Her favorite part of soccer, though, has nothing to do with having the ball at her feet.

"I love that we pray before our game," said Moisan. "We remind ourselves why we are playing. Coach says 'we are here to play the game we love for the God who loves us.' We are here to give to God, be humble and play the game."

PHOTO CREDIT: Joel Rurik



Be Known:

DOES THE PROMISE STAND UP?

BY KOSETTE ISAKSON
CRESCENT STAFF

“Be Known”: a familiar phrase here at George Fox University.

As a slogan, it’s entirely successful — short, memorable, and intriguing. “Be Known” conveys the message that our school is a close-knit community of small classes and invested professors. This is true. But something about the “Be Known” motto has always rubbed me the wrong way.

When I applied to colleges during my senior year of high school, many of them had mottos such as “Dedicating Heart and Mind to God,” “Engaging the Culture, Changing the World,” and “Where faith and scholarship lead to service.” Following these, “Be Known” struck me as a little self-centered.

I am a naturally quiet person. If I am quiet

in a social situation, it’s not because I’m afraid. When I don’t do everything I can to draw attention to myself, it’s not because I don’t know how, but because of my personality.

For years, people have told me how to fix this problem I have.

You just have to be a little crazier. Be more like us, then people will notice you.

Just don’t be so shy. Be assertive! Let them know you’re there!

You have some really great ideas, but you seem to lack the confidence to share them or back them up.

People want me to fight, to stand up, to argue my point. To BE KNOWN.

GFU is full of extroverts. This is not a problem — not at all. Our campus is full of go-getters and social butterflies, and I love that about GFU. But sometimes it seems the feeling is not mutual.

I’m happy with who I am, so why do you, the

extroverts, have a problem with the fact that I am not like you? To be known is not high on my list of priorities. Don’t get me wrong—I feel the same insecurities and desire for attention as others, even if I don’t go about looking for it in the same ways.

But the question is: do we want to be known, or do we want God to be known through us? Even schools similar to ours, like Seattle Pacific University, are looking out — “Engaging the culture, changing the world” — instead of looking in: “Be known.”

I have often listened to the advice I’ve been given by speaking up and displaying confidence, and it has made me stronger. So, now it’s my turn to tell you how to be. I challenge you, the extroverted students of GFU, to make others known. Don’t ask yourself how you can be known better, but consider what people or issue you have the power to make known. Tell the stories of others, and tell the story of Jesus.

IS GFU CHANGING FOR GOOD?

BY JULIA HOWELL
CRESCENT STAFF

As I’m a senior, you could say I’ve been around a while. And I have a few opinions about things that have changed since I was living in a freshman dorm.

Four years ago, there was no such thing as going to a GFU football game. Students used to compete in living-area Olympics each fall, called “The Main Event.” Sliding-and-gliding at chapel used to be what the cool kids did, and there was nothing to stop us (save the condescending looks of those holier and more responsible). And as residents of the east side of campus, students had to trudge through the canyon. None of this “bridge” stuff.

New dorms, academic facilities, and a new cafeteria are now in the blueprints for future semesters. While all of these changes are being marketed to students as good and right, sometimes I have a hard

time seeing them optimistically.

When I and other seniors were prospective

“ISN’T CHANGE THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF A UNIVERSITY?”

students, we were marketed a different experience than this year’s freshmen. Why is it a different experience? Because the student body is different, and it will continue to be different. From the perspective of a student who has witnessed these changes, it seems the brand that is now attached to GFU is different from the one it was four years ago.

The drawing factor for me as a prospective student was the heart and soul of this campus: the

people. The tight-knit campus where it is easy to be known. Is the changing identity of the average student changing the heart of this school?

But, dare we ask, isn’t change the ultimate purpose of a university?

We came to this school in the hopes of changing. We came with our narrow mindsets and worldviews, only to be challenged by big and beautiful and terrifying ideas. Shouldn’t the institution fostering this growth in its students undergo the same process? In fact, shouldn’t we be concerned if it doesn’t?

These questions are not easy to answer. Some days, I wonder if the school of my ten and twenty-year reunions will even resemble the one I first fell for. But I am leaving with the reassurance that I, too, have changed—and I owe it to this place.



ESCAPING THE FEEL-GOOD GOSPEL

PHOTO CREDIT: John Burgess

BY JADE BECKER
CRESCENT STAFF

The evangelical church’s music library is in ailing condition. It is not, however, because we are lacking in material, but rather because the material has, on the whole, become void of theological depth.

Instead of challenging congregants to think, worship lyrics have largely settled for rehashing “Jesus is our lover” imagery. “In the Secret,” written by Vineyard Music leader Andy Park, poses an especially uncomfortable problem: the song fails to name God beyond the impersonal “you,” while including lines like “I want to know you more, I want to touch you.” This brings about some confusion as to whom we are singing. A spouse? A boyfriend? Jesus?

While there is nothing wrong with focusing on God’s love — Revelation 21:2 describes the Church as being “prepared as a bride adorned for her husband” — songs like these often rely on language that is already vague. Words like “strong,” “great,” and “everlasting” have little concrete substance, and even the word “love” itself is so abstract that it provides little emotional depth.

Other songs, though departing from the “Jesus, lover of my soul” motif, fail to include any variation or specificity. “You Reign,” for example, features the chorus, “Lord you reign, reign forever, Lord you reign forever more,” over and over.

Somehow, however, songwriters continue to

depend on this language. Brian Johnson, Christa Black, and Jeremy Riddle’s “One Thing Remains” stands as another example of this conceptual rut. While the music is loud and energetic, the lyrics provide little to break from the same stale trends.

And on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains

Why do we limit our musical worship by sticking to these same few phrases? The unfortunate truth about this trend is that it is fairly recent — the church has a rich history of descriptive and theologically challenging hymn-writers. Written in the early 18th century by Isaac Watts, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” conveys the same love without the same words.

See from His head,
His Hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love
flow mingled down!
Did ever such love
and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose
so rich a crown?

Watts challenges the believer to contend with the suffering of Christ, not simply shout His name. The scene of atonement stands vividly before us

here, and perhaps there is more spiritual engagement to be found in the difficult truths we face as Christians than in the feel-goodery of our current worship landscape. After all, the resurrection always follows.

“WHAT DOES FOLLOWING CHRIST ACTUALLY MEAN?”

Though many talented modern hymnists have emerged, this is not to say we should pull out the dusty hymn books underneath our seats and flip to #153 every Sunday. Rather, we should take the values of excellence we apply to engineering, poetry, ping-pong, and our countless other pursuits and use them to explore the character of God in challenging, thoughtful ways. What is God like? What does following Christ actually mean? As far as I remember, Jesus lived and spoke more of the suffering in the Christian life than of the fluffy escapism found in many of our contemporary worship songs.

If the words we sing at all influence the way we see God, perhaps we should spend more time crafting the chorus.

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