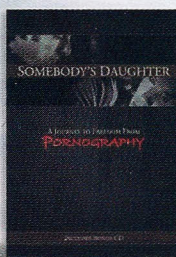
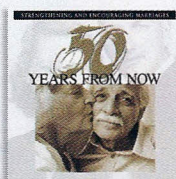


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## MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

For anyone serious about meeting real needs of real people that are in our lives every day, get acquainted with some spot-on powerful music CDs and DVDs from a group of songwriters and artists called *Music for the Soul*. Driven by a passion to “make a difference” these writers have refused to write thoughtless drivel or turn a deaf ear to the cries of the heart. Addressing tenderly, yet face-on, issues like grief, cancer, suicide, loneliness, eating disorders, porn and other addictions, these well-produced projects speak healing to the pain we all experience at one time or another in our own families and circles of friends. Thankfully, they give us something helpful to say when we don’t know what to say.



“At *Music for the Soul* we use songs, personal stories, and videos to help people connect with, and begin to heal from, the deepest places of pain in their hearts,” says *Music for the Soul* director Steve Siler. “It was founded on two firmly and passionately held beliefs: First, that Jesus is the compassionate healer, the one who loves us without reservation, and is always with us even in our deepest, darkest despair and times of greatest challenge.

“Second, that music, particularly as expressed in a song, is one of God’s greatest gifts of communication, with the power to speak healing straight to people’s hearts where words alone can often fail. I believe that there are severely hurting people among us who may not be reached any other way but by hearing the message of Christ’s renewing love through the gentle touch of music.

“We combine these two beliefs to create unique DVD/CD resources that help people engage with the truth on difficult issues; to help us live, as Paul puts it, ‘as children of the light.’ Ultimately, our goal is that no one should ever feel alone. We want people to feel known, understood and loved by others—and by God.”

I would recommend that not only individuals, but churches, counseling centers, Christian colleges and recovery centers keep a supply of these music collections on hand to give when we desperately need something to hand to a friend when it is needed. All projects can be found on line at [musicforthesoul.org](http://musicforthesoul.org). Contributions to this non-profit musical safe house will keep the songs, words and love flowing into so many broken lives.

—Gloria Gaither

