

# Switchfoot Review

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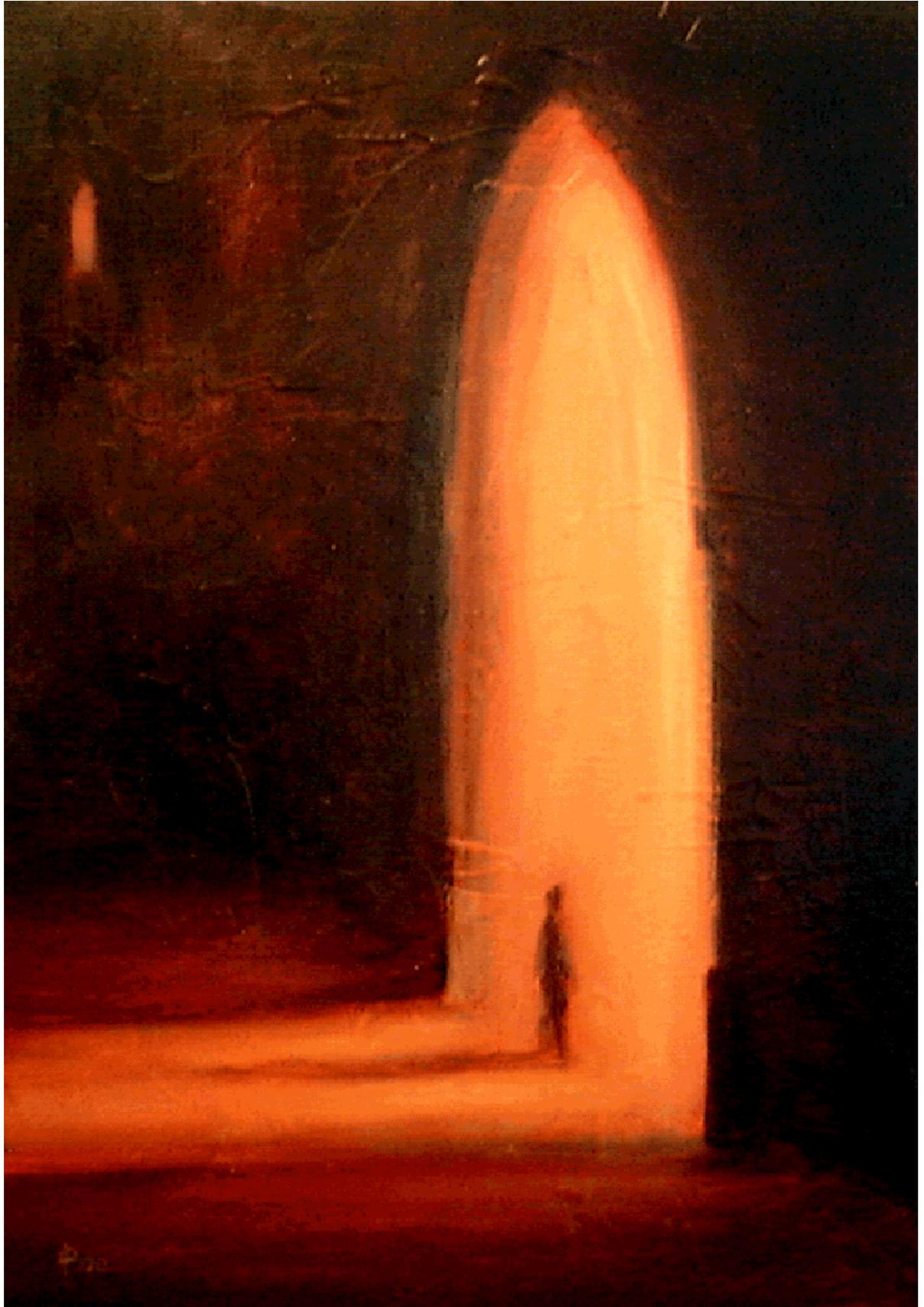
## "Meant to Live"

**BAND ...** We were meant to live for so much more!...

**PAUSE...** more than *this* 'confused fumbling around existence' that life sometimes is... more than the **boredom and mediocrity** we're so often forced to endure.... We were meant to live for more than the **wars of our fathers** (the pain, suffering, death of this planet)... for **more than this world has to offer...**

**PAUSE** We were meant for so much more than just these things

**PAUSE...** And I think we all know it...we've all got this feeling deep





inside that says,  
**"There has got to be more than this!"** .... And right along side that feeling- is a deep yearning - **"I've got to find out what that 'something more' is!... to find the Answer!"**

**Ultimate human pursuit!... & why**  
Switchfoot  
already sold millions of copies this CD...  
because this song /whole album is-  
**'striking an all too human chord'**

"We have been thinking a lot lately about the idea that a lot of people are throwing out answers right now, and a lot of times they're answers that no one is even asking a question for. We wanted to come out with an album that begs the

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### The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24)

13That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. 14They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. 15In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. 16But they were not able to recognize who he was.

17He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend.

18Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

19He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. 20Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. 21And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. 22But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb 23and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. 24Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

25Then he said to them, "So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can't you simply believe all that the prophets said? 26Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" 27Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

28They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on 29but they pressed him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. 30And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. 31At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he

questions. What is life about? What is this all about? What are the deeper issues? I think the sooner we start that dialog, the sooner truth can be found." Tim Foreman, Switchfoot, CMCENTRAL.com, August 13<sup>th</sup> 2003

**What is life all about? Why are you here? - Huge questions... PAUSE... that demand huge answers!**

Reading various interviews - get very strong sense - for Switchfoot/Foreman twins - A's are not going to be found - via **materialistic** pursuits... "It's a song that [says], 'When I look at the magazine pages or a TV screen, I know there's nothing they can sell me that will satisfy

disappeared.

32Back and forth they talked. "Didn't we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?"

The Message

## Meant to Live

By Switchfoot

Fumbling his confidence

And wondering why the world has passed him by

Hoping that he's bid for more than arguments

And failed attempts to fly, fly

[Chorus]

We were meant to live for so much more

Have we lost ourselves?

Somewhere we live inside

Somewhere we live inside

We were meant to live for so much more

Have we lost ourselves?

Somewhere we live inside

Dreaming about Providence

And whether mice or men have second tries

Maybe we've been livin with our eyes half open

Maybe we're bent and broken, broken

me,' singer/  
guitarist Jon  
Foreman  
explained  
recently. "And  
when I look at  
the sunset or the  
stars, I am  
reminded that  
there's  
something inside  
of me that's  
meant to live for  
more than what  
pop culture often  
sells us. The  
punch line is, 'I'm  
not buying it and  
I want something  
more.' " Oct  
23,2003 VH1.com

So for these  
guys- Ans. is not  
about what  
advertisers are  
selling-- grabbing  
more and more  
**stuff** ... filling  
life's void with  
cars, houses,  
fame, prestige,  
with things...  
**PAUSE...** For  
them - ans. is  
bigger than that! -  
You're meant for  
something **way**  
**bigger than**  
**that!!**

"Dreaming about  
providence

[Chorus]

We want more than this world's got to offer

We want more than this world's got to offer

We want more than the wars of our fathers

And everything inside screams for second life, yeah

We were meant to live for so much more

Have we lost ourselves?

We were meant to live for so much more

Have we lost ourselves?

We were meant to live for so much more

Have we lost ourselves?

We were meant to live

We were meant to live

"We were meant to live for so much more  
Have we lost ourselves?"

Switchfoot, "Meant to Live"

"Do you still not see or understand?

Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but fail to  
see, and ears but fail to hear?

And don't you remember?"

And whether  
mice or men  
have second tries  
Maybe we've  
been livin with  
our eyes half  
open  
Maybe we're  
bent and broken,  
broken"

We **really are**  
meant for  
"**dreams about  
providence**" (the  
idea that all of  
this is not only  
made by God -  
also **lovingly  
carried by**  
God... **cared for**  
by God... has  
**meaning to**  
**God... is meant  
to be by God...**  
this life has  
**intent...**  
**direction, a**  
**beginning and**  
**an end...**

We're meant to  
**grasp** fact - there  
is a "**God  
Script**" playing  
out right now!... a  
**Divine Story** - in  
which we all  
have a significant  
part...**PAUSE...**  
on one hand its a  
very **-dreamlike**

Jesus in the Gospel of Mark 8:17-18

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**mysterious  
thing...** but on  
the other **more  
real, true, and  
powerful - can  
ever imagine...**  
**PAUSE...** - we're  
meant to know  
God in this way!

And when we  
catch a glimpse  
of it -  
**enlightenment!**  
Find selves in a  
place- **see so  
clearly... know  
Truth so  
intimately! ...  
feel Joy and a  
Peace so  
deeply...**

**PAUSE** You're  
meant for  
**that!...**- Ever felt  
moments like  
that?... **sensed** -  
that "something  
more?" it's like  
**[ALIVENESS-**  
feel post funeral/  
just missed an  
accident - **"I'm  
breathing!"**  
**CLARITY** - first  
new glasses/ or  
**discover the  
truth- "I can  
see!"... HUGE  
PEACE/  
FREEDOM** -  
finished tough

exam/ out of  
tough jam..."I've  
**got my life back  
again!"** -God  
made us for  
those kinds of  
realities!... " **for  
the 'something  
more' beauty/  
truth'**  
**perspective of  
that place!"**

**LONG PAUSE**  
**Can you see it?**  
**Can you feel it?**

**PAUSE...**  
imagine some of  
us say, "Yes"... a  
bit! **known** that  
place before...  
**knowing right  
now!...** while for  
others - its still a  
mysterious  
distant reality...  
yet to be really  
known.

**PAUSE...** I think  
we all live  
between those  
two poles -  
different times --  
one of those  
mysteries of life!

Regardless of  
where we're at -  
one thing I know  
for sure - we all  
want more of that

**- "Something more"!**

(wherever we're at!)

**So how do we get there?...**

**PAUSE...** Like most things with God - begins with honest admission of our own culpability... that - "Maybe we've been livin with our eyes half open. Maybe we're bent and broken"

Jesus said as much... (couple of instances)... once- In explaining why he spoke to religious folk in Parables

This is why I speak to them in parables:

"Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: " 'You will be ever hearing but never understanding;

you will be ever  
seeing but never  
perceiving. For  
this people's  
heart has  
become  
calloused; they  
hardly hear with  
their ears, and  
they have closed  
their eyes.

Otherwise they  
might see with  
their eyes, hear  
with their ears,  
understand with  
their hearts and  
turn, and I would  
heal them.'

Matthew 13:13-

15 Then to his  
own disciples-

"Do you still not  
see or  
understand? Are  
your hearts  
hardened? <sup>18</sup>Do  
you have eyes  
but fail to see,  
and ears but fail  
to hear? And  
don't you  
remember?"

Jesus points out -  
**hearts(lives)**

**"Callused"** or

**"Hardened"**... for  
some reason- not  
**supple** towards  
God's truth when  
he reveals it...

our **receptivity** is

impaired...  
deadness about  
us - blocking the  
view, **PAUSE...**  
Real **hopeful**  
part about this  
situation - **1. We  
can't even see  
its there... 2. We  
can't do  
anything  
ourselves to  
remedy the  
situation!!**  
"Maybe we're  
bent and  
broken..."

We can hear  
**God's stories -**  
but just **don't get  
them!**

We can see  
**miracle of life** all  
around, playing  
out daily - not  
really **get the  
God who's in  
behind it all!.....**

Our natural  
inclination to  
resolve this  
problem - "**Do  
what ever it  
takes to make it  
happen...**" (--  
how works in  
Real World!)  
Only in God's  
**providential/real**

**world - doesn't work!...** In order to find life give it up! in order to **really live**-you've got to die (metaphorically)

"Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat--I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? Luke 9:23-25

In order to get life... that '**SO MUCH MORE**' life you're meant to live - you need to lose it all!... let God drive recognize- you can't find way on your own... **need**

**HS to open your eyes... decalcify your hard heart!**

Like SF's (Jon Forman) confesses in "Twenty Four" -

"I am the second man, I am the second man now, I am the second man now. And you're raising the dead in me. Yeah"

**LONG PAUSE...**

That's what it takes - Give life completely to God - Gives it back in Spades!!!... Lose it - find it forever!

**-- Do this by praying with all your heart - God will give you all this live is meant to be... All he means for you to be!**

Give you a chance to do that this am... (Don't worry - not freak you out!)...

READ a story...

Listen to Song -

Let the HS of

God do the eye

opening...

**[SETUP**

**EMMAUS... 2**

guys... spiritual

journey...

contemplated X's

life/death...

means?... true? -

confused/unsure

- lot like us

sometimes -

figure it out -

**[Their shoes]"**