



## SCOTT TOWAIJ Official BIOGRAPHY

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**Scott Towaij** presently leads Worship at the largest Church in Ottawa, Canada, The Metropolitan Bible Church (The MET). He is a singer, songwriter, and recording artist. In addition to playing guitar, Blues Harp and a variety of other stringed instruments, he is also a Teacher and dually certified Trauma and Addictions Counselor.

Scott has a very dramatic faith testimony and survived sexual, physical, emotional and mental abuse that started at a very early age. His childhood trauma led him down a path of self hatred that was filled with drugs, alcohol and women. He became a drug dealer who was very plugged into the music scene and club circuit. He almost lost his life many times due to his addiction and survived a severe motor vehicle accident that was a major turning point in his life. Scott's salvation is nothing short of miraculous and whenever he gets the opportunity he loves to share his faith testimony.

Today, as a new creation in Christ, Scott is married with children and has celebrated over 21 years of sobriety. He is one of those Christians who has a deep appreciation for his salvation and does not take it for granted. His traumatic background has given him a deep understanding of brokenness and a heart for those who are suffering. This combination of past events and the way that God is using him today, combine to create music that is both unique and contemporary at the same time.

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*"Scott's music strikes to the heart of what the gospel is all about. He's a street-level guy whose feet are planted firmly on the rock and it comes across in every song. Musically, there's no question Scott's been blessed with talent. Add that to a passionate love for Jesus and others, you're gonna love Scott Towaij!"*  
**-Neil Boron, Program Director - WDCX- FM (Host Neil Boron Live) Buffalo, NY**

Scott's current album, "Sons of Light" has been extremely well received in Canada and is now making some headway in the United States. The first single entitled "One Church" has been in rotation on EVERY Christian radio station in Canada as has the follow up single "Shine On" He enjoyed 26 consecutive weeks on CHRI's weekly TOP 20 and has now launched his third single "My King" which features Jacob Moon. Scott met the folks from WDCX in Buffalo at the Kingdom Bound Music Festival in the summer of 2010 and they immediately ADDED "One Church" which prompted an American release of the first single through PLAY MPE. The end result was that more than 100 U.S. Stations download the single. The second American single "Shine On" was released January 10, 2011 and is already getting picked up. Scott has been confirmed to play the Worship stage at the 25<sup>TH</sup> anniversary of Kingdom Bound on August 1, 2011 and will be launching a full summer tour that will focus on Ontario and the East Coast of Canada in addition to some specific American dates

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Scott is no stranger to the music scene; he has been in a variety of different bands since the 80's. His writing style merges rock, funk, blues, R&B, Folk and even a bit of jazz yet manages to maintain a contemporary overall sound. His debut Christian album entitled "Your Love Has Set Me Free" was nominated in the 30<sup>TH</sup> annual Covenant Awards for JAZZ / BLUES ALBUM of the YEAR. Prior to this his 1996 debut secular release entitled "Pushing Through the Pavement" had a top 10 rock hit across Canada. The song "Don't blame me I only live here" made it on rock charts exactly one position higher than "Flood" by Jars of Clay and received major airplay and specials on the major rock stations across Canada.

One of the things Scott loves to do is to share his faith testimony with others. Although his story is painful describing a past filled with trouble, he will be very quick to point out that God is using him in a powerful way today. Scott believes very strongly that God allowed him to live through many horrible things so he could reach many who would otherwise be unreachable. Scott identifies greatly with both Paul's struggles that he describes in The Bible and Johnny Cash's struggles in his life. Scott believes that like Paul, he needs to share his faith testimony with others to strengthen, encourage and challenge them to shine their light for Jesus and his music is giving him the ability to do just that!

# REVIEWS of the NEW album "Sons of Light"

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*"WDCX been playing Scott Towaij's album, Sons of Light, and specifically "One Church" for a year now. This bluesy/rock n' roll song (think NewWorldSon meets Phil Keaggy) gets great response from our listeners and Scott won a WDCX new artist of the year contest in 2010 (selected by listeners). Scott spent a good amount of his adult life searching for the one true God. Now he's sold out for Jesus Christ. "One Church" is a great anthem for such a time as this. I hope you'll give it a listen... it'll bless your listeners. – Steve Napoli, Program Director WDCX 99.5 FM Buffalo, Rochester and Toronto*

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*"Scott loves what he does, which is to sing and worship God. It's obvious he enjoys worshipping his Saviour. It's not about him, it's ALL about "Him". He's a talented musician, and has a fervent desire to continue growing, striving for excellence and integrity in all he does. But he also enthusiastically partners alongside others so they too can develop in their skills and gifts. Put simply, Scott is genuine and authentic; the "real deal". I love his songs, and know you will too!"*

**– James Kurtis, New Canadian Countdown, JOY 1250 Toronto, Canada**

*" 'Shine On' sounds as bright as the message in the song. For me, this song is God's reminder to get out of the walls of the Church building and shine the light of Christ in a fallen world. This is a song that I believe, gives us a peek into the heart of the writer Scott Towaij"*

**- Len Dehek, Host of Nationally Syndicated Power Praise**

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**Artist**

*"Scott's latest release brings a fresh and unique sound to Canadian Christian music. The songs have a strong sense of worship and seem to be deeply inspired. 'One Church' is a personal favorite of mine!"*

**- Chris Bray, 2009 GMA "New Artist of the Year!"**

*"Grace FM in London, Ontario is enjoying the add 'One Church' and is looking forward to more from Scott and the album. SONS OF LIGHT. Keep up the great tunes!!*

**- Ricky D, Music Director Grace 105.9 FM in London, Ontario**



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**One Church** (track 3)  
New AC/CHR single  
going for ADDS now

**Shine On** (track 1)  
New AC/CHR single  
going for ADDS

Produced by Andrew Horrocks

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Thank you to all the stations who have already been supporting the new record!

