

Jonathan White found a deep love for singing at an early age.

"I have been singing since before I can remember," recalled Jonathan. "My mom and dad would stand me up front and have me sing with my brothers and later my sister."

Jonathan's father was a pastor, and eventually, he became an evangelist. Jonathan would sing along with his siblings and parents, and later in the service, his father would preach.

"Those first few years were important to me," said Jonathan. "We were our own little 'evangelistic' team."

Those first several years were important in developing a heart for ministry in Jonathan. The seeds were planted, though Jonathan never pursued any kind of career in music until later in life. In 1991, Jonathan was married to Sheila. However, despite this happy time in his life, tragedy soon struck his family.

"Nine months after I was married, May 16, 1992 to be exact, a drunk driver ran a red light going 90 MPH and hit my parent's car," recalled Jonathan. "My father died instantly, and my mother lived for 16 days in the hospital and then went on home to Heaven."

Despite having only been married nine months, Jonathan and his wife Sheila took on a new role, as both his 10 year old sister and 16 year old brother were now under their care. It seemed like the Whites were entering a new, brighter phase of life when they found out that Sheila was pregnant the year following his parents' accident.

"We were so excited, because we were thinking that this would help heal the hurt that had been caused by losing my parents," said Jonathan. "It was amazing how much the Lord took care of us during this time."

However, the doctors did not have good news for the Whites. Jonathan and Sheila were soon informed after their daughter's birth that the baby more than likely had Down Syndrome.

"I was angry, thinking that God had given us second best," said Jonathan. "However, I have found that God knows exactly what he is doing, and He gave us the very best that he had. Brittany has been a wonderful blessing to us and many others."

"I have written a song about her, and through our situation, I have been able to help others cope with having a child with disabilities," Jonathan mentioned. "Brittany is such a wonderful little girl, and we wouldn't trade her for the world."

A few years later, Jonathan and Sheila were blessed with another child, Austin, in February of 1996.

"My whole family is vital to my ministry. Austin helps me when we travel, and both he and Brittany sing with me on stage," said Jonathan.

It is through these trying times that Jonathan has found his goal in life.

"My main goal in ministry is to encourage Christians in their walk with God, and to let them know that sometimes things happen that may seem horrible, but God can turn it around for good."

"It's all about reaching others for Christ," mentioned Jonathan. "It is so exciting to have someone come forward and accept Christ as their Savior. It continues to amaze me that God would use someone like me to further His kingdom."

"God has blessed me so much more than I ever expected, and I know that I am doing what he wants me to do," said Jonathan. "I am excited about what the future holds for me. I just want to continue to sing about Jesus to show others the way to him."