



**MULTI-STELLAR AWARD WINNER AND DOVE AWARD NOMINEE
JONATHAN NELSON
TO RELEASE HIGHLY-ANTICIPATED SOPHOMORE CD BETTER DAYS
Ten Song Set of Positive Praise Music Due In Stores September 2010**

Mobile, Ala. – (July 1, 2010) Stellar Award winner Jonathan Nelson is gearing up for his sophomore Integrity Music CD, *Better Days*, slated to release September 14. The 10-song CD of divinely-inspired affirmations was produced by Grammy Award winning producer Aaron Lindsey (Israel and New Breed, Martha Munizzi, and Marvin Sapp).

Nelson has quickly emerged as one of the leading voices on today's praise and worship music scene. Over the last half a dozen years, he's put his stamp on urban praise music as the composer of now classic tunes such as Donald Lawrence's "Healed," Youth for Christ's #1 smash "The Struggle Is Over," and Bishop T.D. Jake's "My Praise Is My Weapon." Then, in 2008, Nelson stepped from the shadows to reveal himself as a charismatic worship leader with his Top 10 smash "My Name Is Victory" which spent an astounding 65 weeks on the Billboard Hot Gospel Songs chart. That song and his debut album, *Right Now Praise*, earned Nelson three Stellar Awards, an astounding total of eight Stellar nominations and a coveted Dove Award nomination as Best New Artist of the Year.

There are bound to be just as many award nominations for *Better Days* this time next year. Recorded live at Nelson's home church, The Faith Center in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, the album features Nelson's top-notch backing ensemble Purpose and delivers a powerful, much-needed message for today.

"The world needs to hear these proclamations," says Nelson. "'My Name is Victory' was a great start but this new album is centered on the Word to help change the world."

Referencing the title which was suggested by Purpose member James Johnson, Nelson adds, "When he brought it to me, it just spoke to me about what the project is about... We are living in a time of recession, earthquakes and oil spills. People need to hear a message of encouragement that better days are here."

From the Caribbean lilt of "Cry Holy" and the old school church influence on "Another Way" to the majestic congregational praise on "Smile," the whole CD shines with

messages of hope and encouragement through Jesus Christ. “These are faith declarations,” Nelson adds. “Faith is the engine you use to speak things over your life. These are songs of faith, hope, and empowerment.”

As “Expect The Great,” the first radio single from Better Days, makes its way up the Billboard charts, Nelson is reflective on his place on today’s music scene. “I understand my responsibility as a worship leader all the more,” Nelson adds. “I have been given the assignment of writing lyrics that the people of God will sing over themselves and ultimately to God. If we sing to each other about his goodness, mercy, power, love and faith, we create an atmosphere for healing, miracles, signs and wonders. I’ve given my will completely to God! By faith, I now say yes to God. I sincerely believe this CD is going to be monumental because many listeners will also say yes to God in every area of their life. Then, we all will truly experience better days!”

For additional information on Jonathan Nelson, visit <http://www.jonathannelson.org/>, <http://www.integritymusic.com/> or <http://www.integritydirect.com>.

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