

FACT SHEET

Gregory Fisher

Life Change through Spirit Action

Role	Gregory Fisher is an acclaimed musical performer, a speaker, and a spirit coach.
Services	The artist uses his many talents to stir people to "spirit action"—helping them break through the barriers of fear and doubt to discover an "authentic identity" of hope, freedom, joy and completeness. Gregory's deeply moving vocal performances encourage and empower people to believe that anything is possible. His in-depth seminars and one-on-one spirit coaching sessions lift individuals from "stagnant" learning to "dynamic" doing. He brings concrete, practical, life-changing, and actionable steps to life improvement.
Message	<p>"Many people sit under teachings that should move them forward, but they never take the next right step," said Gregory, who helps others by drawing on life experiences and career roles as a professional singer/composer, social worker, practitioner and professional life coach. "They keep learning and learning, but their lives aren't changing. They live their lives with a smile, but they don't seem to know that real progress requires action.</p> <p>"My goal is to help people embrace who they really are and to fully integrate Spirit into their personal lives—that dynamic force that can move them to boldness. When we make the decision and then go with it, God shows up. You have the right to expect it.</p> <p>"Essentially, I'm helping people become who they already know they are. I'm only encouraging them—cheering them on—as they progress into their authentic life."</p>
Background	Gregory grew up in Seneca, Mo., as a budding musician intent on finding success in the Christian music industry. At age 14, he was singing and speaking in churches across the country. He moved to Nashville in the mid-'80s to pursue his dream to move people through music as a writer and performer. He had the good fortune of becoming an advertising manager and staff writer for the Benson Music Group, a major Christian record and publishing company. In just two years, he had landed numerous CCM and gospel hits, including the number one contemporary Christian classic, <i>Yeshua Ha Mashiach</i> . In 1985, he quit the music business after coming out as a gay man, and embarked on a mission of self-discovery. For the next 18 years, he assumed roles as a business reporter for <i>The Tennessean</i> , a corporate marketing director for Electronic Data Systems (EDS), and an administrator with both the Mental Health Cooperative and Friends Helping Friends, a peer-run drop-in center for adults with serious mental illness. He further added management, teaching and counseling skills since 2003 as a recovery therapist with substance abusers for the Middle Tennessee Treatment Center; the director of housing and homeless services for the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities; an adjunct professor for the University of Tennessee School of Social Work in Nashville; and the director of community outreach for AmeriChoice by UnitedHealthcare. All of these accomplishments have helped lay the framework for a professional career that combines music, speaking and spirit coaching.

Career Highlights

- Composer, songwriter, speaker and performer since childhood.
- Advertising manager and hit songwriter, Benson Music Group, 1984-85.
- Number one CCM hit song, *Yeshua Ha Mashiach*, 1985.
- Business reporter, *The Tennessean*, 1986-88.
- Corporate marketing director, Electronic Data Systems, 1992-94.
- Mental health services administrator, Mental Health Cooperative and Friends Helping Friends, 1996-2003.
- Recovery therapist (substance abuse), Middle Tennessee Treatment Center, 2003-2004.
- Adjunct professor, Univ. of Tennessee College of Social Work (Nashville campus), 2003-2006.
- Director of housing and homeless services, Tennessee Dept. of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, 2004-2007.
- Director of community outreach, AmeriChoice by UnitedHealthcare, 2007-present.
- Founder, CentaurSpirit Communication LLC, 2009.
- Sedona Body: A Path to Wellness, 2009.

Appearances

Major appearances (speaking, teaching and/or musical performance) include the international convention of the Metropolitan Community Churches (1985); the national convention of the American Association of Service Coordinators (2006 and 2007); and the annual convention of the International Centers for Spiritual Living (2009).

Television

Two appearances on the *Chicago Sunday Evening Club*, PBS syndicated program, as the musical guest with speakers Frederick Buechner (1985) and Tony Campollo (1986). An appearance on CNN's *Larry King Live* to answer questions about "reparative therapy" (1990).

Coaching

He has coached hundreds of people to "spirit action" as a personal and professional life coach, a licensed Science of Mind practitioner, and an ordained minister. Gregory does not practice as a clinical social worker.

Music

Gregory is a nationally respected recording artist, composer and songwriter. His more-than-two-octave tenor vocals and heartfelt melodies and lyrics touch audiences with honesty, transparency, authenticity and vulnerability. The artist's musical styling features a mix of classical, theatre and gospel. He recently released a preview EP of original songs titled **EVERLASTING ARMS**. A debut album of original songs, **THERE AT THE EDGE**, is currently being recorded. As a songwriter for Benson Music Group, he penned hit songs and album cuts for acts such as Scott Wesley Brown, Steve Green, First Call, Cynthia Clawson, Geoff Moore, Janet Pascall, Candy Hemphill (Christmas), and Truth. *Yeshua Ha Mashiach* (co-written with Greg Davis and performed by Brown) garnered a Dove Award nomination for "Song of the Year". "My goal is draw people into the emotions and beliefs that are conveyed in my songs," Gregory says. "With each performance, I'm living what I sing."

Workshops

Gregory has developed a wide range of keynotes and workshops to help people take "spirit action". They include:

- *Believing is EVERYTHING* —Create the new story of you from the truth you forgot.
- *Affirmative! Taking the Positive Approach* —Learn the importance and practice of encouraging prayer/self-talk.
- *Releasing Recovery* —Vanquish the "victimhood" that prevents a full life.
- *Lopsided Love: 12 Steps to Moving On* —Stop the pain when you love someone more than you are loved in return.
- *Boundaries: Creating Your Safe Zone* —Discover where others end and you begin.

- *Getting Past Numb: Developing Emotional Literacy* —Name and experience your unfelt emotions.
- *Huggermugger: My Story of Recovery* —Hear Gregory's inspiring personal journey.

(Topics change from time to time, and custom-tailored presentations are added upon request.)

Education

- Master of Science degree in Social Work, Univ. of Tenn. College of Social Work in Nashville, 2003.
- Bachelor of Arts, Communication, Missouri Southern University in Joplin, 1983.
- Musical studies, saxophone and classical voice, Southwest Baptist Univ. in Bolivar, Mo., 1973-75.
- Graduate, Coach Training Program, Coach University, 2003.
- Licensed Science of Mind practitioner, International Centers for Spiritual Living, 2001.
- Ordained minister, Universal Brotherhood Movement, 2009.
- *12-Steps of AA program*, July 27, 1988 to present.

Current

Memberships

- Founding member, Positive Music Association, Nashville Chapter.
- Board president, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Davidson County.

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