

TOPIC: Compassion

THEME: The singer apologizes to Britney Spears for the way he—and the world—has treated her.

BACKGROUND: This is Bebo Norman's ninth release—he's mining the same acoustic pop/rock vein, and the effort is strong. Highlights include "Hear It From Me," a song about authenticity in worship, and "One Bright Hour," a sparse and beautiful reflection on God's kingdom. Then there's "Britney," a knife to the heart, forcing us to ask what role we've played in her roller coaster life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: How do you react to the name Britney Spears? Are we in any way responsible for her downfall? Why or why not? Do we have any responsibility to help her? Explain. Read aloud Psalm 69:18-34. Describe a time you gave or received "genuine compassion." Should our compassion be affected by how "bad" the person has acted? Explain. Do you know anyone who's in need of compassion right now? What could you do to help?