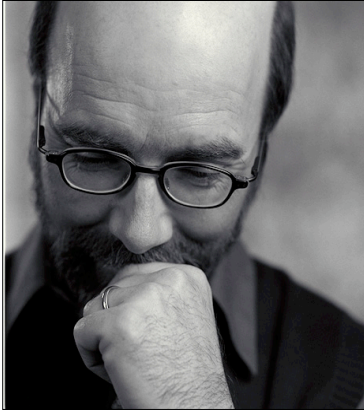


Michael Card Teacher, Musician, Author



Michael Card is an accomplished musician who is perhaps best known and appreciated for the tedious research and Biblical scholarship which support the themes running through his songs. With the authoring of his new book, *A Fragile Stone: The Emotional Life of Simon Peter*, and the recording of a new studio album by the same title, Card once again digs into well-known passages and discovers unexpected insights, painting a portrait of Peter that is both familiar and jarring.

From his 1981 debut album, "First Light," Card has used his knowledge of the Scriptures to create musical word pictures that spark the imagination and rekindle lagging faith. His songs have taken listeners on a holy journey, from the Old Testament prophets' promise of Christ, to Messiah's miraculous birth, life, death and resurrection, to the hope of His imminent return. Because of the teaching element in Michael's lyrics the preparation for the lyrics alone takes about a year due to the extensive study involved. Card has released 20 recordings, achieving 19 Number 1 songs on Christian radio charts and 5 Gospel Music Association Dove Awards for his songs.

Card has also authored or co-authored 14 books. Collectively, his books have sold more than 4 million copies. He was nominated for the C.S. Lewis Children's Book Award for *Sleep Sound in Jesus*, which was also a finalist for the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association Gold Medallion Award. *A Violent Grace* was nominated for the 2001 Gold Medallion Award for Christian Living.

Card holds his undergraduate degree in biblical Studies from Western Kentucky University in 1979. He also had an assistantship and taught Physics and Astronomy in a master's program at WKU. He went on to receive a master's degree in biblical studies from Western Kentucky in 1980. He is currently working on his doctorate in classical literature.

Currently, Michael lives in Tennessee with his wife, Susan, and their four children.