

# Mp3 Emmaus Road - Seven Mile Journey



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Christian rock, a fresh new perspective. 10 MP3 Songs GOSPEL: Contemporary Gospel, ROCK: Modern Rock Details: Seldom does a band combine powerful music with explosive vocals, while maintaining an intense longing for meaning. Brothers Dean and Tony Palacio, Robbie Destocki, and Charlotte Laystrom, however, long for something more than what the mainstream music scene is offering. "If we're content as a band to write a hit song or have a best-selling record, then we have failed in what the Bible calls us to," they all agree. "We all love what we do, it's our passion to play music, but we didn't get into this to try and sell something or be "famous". For us, it's about communicating the love of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ." That is why Emmaus Road constantly seek to write from the deepest places of their heart, sharing personal walks of faith, and expressions of personal worship. "Music should bring listeners to a place of worship, and cause them to think more deeply about their walk with Christ," explains ER co-founder and bassist, Tony Palacio. "In the end, what matters most is what we did with the knowledge of the Gospel; did we except it, share it, and live it... or did we bury it?" Musically, Emmaus Road draw from a diversity of influences that span back to their days before knowing Christ as Lord and Savior. They bring their diversities all together to create a truly unique and modern sound. "We can't say we fit into any certain genre," says Palacio, "but it's definitely contemporary, worshipful, and features a lot of vocal harmonies. But I think our diversity is our strength." Strong melodic vocals backed by drums- and guitar-driven music written from a straight-forward approach. "Nothing fantastically intricate," Palacio explains. Which is very fitting when you listen to their no-nonsense style. However simple, though, there's no mistaking their unique sound. You're hooked in right away. This unique sound is what landed Emmaus Road into the Finals of a yearly National Christian Music Competition held in 2003. The band played on worldwide television on "Exalting Him! 2003" sponsored by Daywind Records, Family Christian Stores,

Trinity Broadcasting Network and Salem Music Networks. The band (then going by the name "Blessed Hope Chapel Praise Team" because their band name had not been selected yet) came in a close second, with only 2-1/2 points separating them from the winner. Not bad considering Emmaus Road rose to the Finals out of 1400 contestants, spanning over 6 months time, in 8 different cities nationwide! When not writing and performing with Emmaus Road, brothers Dean and Tony are busy as the worship directors at their home church, Blessed Hope Chapel. This has been "worship home base" for Dean, Tony, and Robbie since 2002. Which is why it's no surprise when you listen to Emmaus Road you hear praise and adoration weaved throughout each and every song. "We are called to worship God in spirit and truth, as the Bible says, and we want our music to reflect that." Charlotte calls Chambersberg Brethren in Christ her home in the state of Pennsylvania, where she is also in demand as a vocalist at various area churches. But there's nothing quite like that unique sound when all four members come together and point all of their talents upward. "It truly is powerful, and we know that power comes from God." To learn more about Emmaus Road, visit their website at [emmausroad.us](http://emmausroad.us) Albums currently in release by Emmaus Road band members include "Enter In-Live Worship at Blessed Hope Chapel" (2003), and "In Your Presence" (2005), the follow-up live praise release to "Enter In". Both of these CDs are also available right here!

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