

Craig Mckenzie felt the power and love of music from the womb as his pregnant mother played the acoustic guitar and sang at bible in schools.

Growing up with both parents as ministers in the Salvation Army, Craig along with his older sister Sheryn grew up immersed in church life, in turn developing a passion for music ,learning brass instruments, taking piano lessons and learning to sing.

At 13 Craig met a fellow Pastors kid and best friend Aidan Richards , together over the years they would hone their craft at songwriting and performing in various bands and eventually become a duo.

Early influences of 90's hip hop and the rock anthems of the 80's and 90's shaped Craig and have carried through into his musical style. Self learning the guitar along the way ,this would become his main accompaniment when playing live.

He attended then later tutored at the Excel School of performing Arts in Auckland, New Zealand. Majoring in Vocals and Programming music.

During his teenage years Craig's parents moved into the the healing and deliverance ministry. This opened his eyes to the realities of spiritual warfare that rages daily and a fire was lit within him to be part of this battle for God's Kingdom.

Over time, Craig's spiritual journey and expression through music became intertwined leading to his debut album. 'Surrender' Released in 2008. The album contains songs about the second coming (The return of the king) ,Loosing a child / abortion (Beautiful child) ,Finding God in the dark times (Psalm 151) and the joy of a new birth in the family (Gift from heaven / Tayla's song)

This was a chance for Craig to continue to develop his production skills that had their humble beginnings at home as a youngster using the twin tape decks on the stereo to add layers of tracks (and noisy hiss!).

10 years later, 2018 comes the release of 'Reignite' Birthed out of years journeying with the Holy Spirit , through life's twists and

turns, lessons learnt, spiritual breakthroughs, healing of the heart and trusting in the

Lord ,understanding that His ways are higher than our ways.

The fire running through Reignite is a desire to see the Army of God to come together in unity as believers and fan the flames of our first love - King Jesus, to reach a world that desperately needs His Love , to engage in spiritual warfare in His name.

2019 sees new songs released and a new season.

May we have open hearts and spiritual eyes to see and sense what the Lord is doing and saying. May He give us courage to live our lives for Him as soldiers for His Kingdom and for His glory alone.