EDDY PUYOL TESTIMONY

Eduardo (Eddy) Puyol, a Cuban American, grew up in the heart of Miami, FL where he fell in love with the hip-hop culture at a young age. He tapped into his musical gifting at the age of eleven and less than one year later he found himself center-stage performing purpose-driven music at various events.

As he entered high school, Eddy began to realize there were other ‘areas of opportunity’ that he had not yet explored. He soon found himself caught up in the lifestyle epitomized by mainstream music and media. Being intoxicated with drugs and alcohol, stealing, clubbing, having sex with random females, getting kicked out of high school as well as his family’s home, selling drugs (just to name a few), soon became a routine part of his daily life. For many years he lived the life others can only dream of—a glorified life surrounded by luxury, possessions, and an endless supply of women, sex, drugs, and money.

Just when he thought life couldn’t get any better, reality reared its ugly head and Eddy found himself on the wrong side of a jail cell. Intoxicated, broke, alone, and facing criminal charges (driving under the influence, possession, and intent to sell), he turned to the one source that had never left his side. From his jail cell, Eddy asked for mercy and supernatural favor so that his budding life would not be derailed by his poor decisions.

To his surprise, Eddy was released later that day with only a slap on the wrist, and allowed to drive himself home once he sobered up. He believes The Creator had given him another chance to get it right, but old habits die hard. Unfortunately, he continued to live his risky lifestyle. The drugs got harder, the liquor intensified, the streets got tougher, and the women more risqué. It was as if his experience in jail never even happened.

While in the studio recording a demo, Eddy pieced together the lyrics for his song “Tell Me” posing the question to the Lord, ‘Is there a Heaven for a ‘G’ (aka gangster) like me?’ During this studio session, God spoke to Eddy reassuring him that regardless of his mishaps He still loved him and reminded him that what He *called* him to do at a young age still stands. His life had been spared in the midst of grueling circumstances too many times to count. Several near death experiences, being alienated from his family, almost becoming a young father, facing criminal charges, and daily intoxication had finally become a monotonous lifestyle for Eddy. From that point forward he made up his mind to change the direction of his life and help others come into a similar light.

In 2002, Puyol founded Soul Deep Ministries (SDM). Since its inception SDM, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has shared peace, grace, and love in a unique way to those within schools, neighborhoods, prisons, churches, and various pop culture marketplaces. Its continuing goal is to empower people from all walks of life with the understanding of God’s love and the value He has placed on their lives.

Puyol, who formerly recorded under the name Rawsrvnt, has fine tuned his craft enabling him to reach the masses, breaking through cultural and musical barriers. Throughout his music, one can experience the journey of a man who has tapped into his true identity and grown as an artist, a leader, and a man of faith. The artist continues to push the envelope in an attempt to bring people closer to their purpose and help them enjoy life the way it is meant to be enjoyed—“Raw.”

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