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FACT SHEET

* The vision of *The Secret Place* is *"turning hearts back to the Father through intimate praise and worship"*.
* Ray is a recording artist, song writer, worship leader and pastor.
* The ministry of *The Secret Place* was founded in 1997 when the Lord spoke to Ray saying, *“I want to use you to turn the hearts of my people back to myself.”* Ray said, *“Why Lord?”* The Lord responded saying, *“because their hearts are everywhere”*.
* The songs of The Secret Place are not Christian entertainment; they are songs of the heart and simple intimate expressions of spontaneous prophetic worship.
* Ray and his wife currently pastor *Pursuit Church* which they started in 1990 and have been faithfully serving ever since.
* Ray Watson has been in ministry since 1987.
* Ray studied music at Otago University and graduated with honours.
* *Musical Manna* is Ray's free monthly podcast which reaches over 150,000 subscribers from every corner of the globe.
* Ray's first album *Highways to Zion* was released in 1984.
* Over the years he has released 10 albums and 2 EPs.
* Ray's music ministry is characterized as spontaneous, prophetic, soaking, intimate worship.
* Ray's ministry style blends singing with sharing directly from the keyboard and emphasises grace, hope and restoration.