

# ABANDON



**JOSH ENGLER -- LEAD VOX**  
**STEVAN VELA -- LEAD GUITARS**  
**JUSTIN ENGLER -- RHYTHM GUITARS**  
**RYAN REAVIS -- BASS**  
**DAVE VELA -- DRUMS**

## **BIOGRAPHY:**

Ambush is not only the way Abandon has come onto the Christian music scene, but it is the name of their recently recorded seven song EP. Ambush fuses together worship and alternative rock to create a unique sound for this San Antonio based band. Abandon is comprised of Josh Engler, Ryan Reavis, Justin Engler, Steven Vela and Dave Vela. They began doing ministry together at Destiny Church in San Antonio. During that time, they had the honor of seeing the lives of people changed as they would soak in the presence of God. Being a part of this ministry created a vision to grow their ministry and encourage others as God leads. This led to a ministry for seeing people living their lives in Christ to the fullest and the band's desire to encourage as many people through their music. Abandon wants to send the message to people that we all have a purpose for our lives and that there is a God that loves and cares for them. Abandon is a band that has been preparing for wherever God wants to take them and is ready to go where God leads them. "We want our music to be an encouragement to everyone and our songs to be prophetic and minister to people's hearts," says the young group. Using energy filled alternative pop rock music similar to bands like Acceptance, and Amberlin. Abandon believes that their music is not only to be an encouragement to believers, but to minister to the hearts of non-believers. Their mission can be summed up in Joshua 22:3 that says, God has directed us not to abandon any brothers. The group is serious about investing time into people's lives and developing what they call a "friend"-based network. The biggest thing Abandon wants people to know is "God's the way to go!" A new generation longs to hear messages through rock and alternative music. This is the means Abandon uses to deliver this truth to hearts; will you abandon it all for Him?

## **MISSION:**

Abandon uses their music and their lives as a catalyst to encourage those they encounter to live in reckless abandon to Christ.

## **QUOTES:**

"Abandon is completely amazing. When I heard 'Fall on Me', I got the chills. I can't wait for you to come to my church."--Shanlen, a student

"Thanks for playing at our church. Your music is really inspiring and I'm looking forward to the next time you play at Eagle's Nest."--Tina, a student

"Hey! It was great when you guys were at Victory. You really challenged me to begin talking to my friend about getting closer to God and break away from bad habits she's had. The other day, she actually came to know the Lord."--Erika, a student

"Our students and leaders really enjoyed having Abandon come to our church. These guys are servants...very flexible and willing to adjust in difficult circumstances. They hung out with our students, participated in the activities and made them all feel loved. We were so happy to have them be a part of Edge Youth Ministry."--Jackie, Youth Minister, Living Waters Church

