

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, is seated on a black piano bench, playing a dark wood piano. She is positioned in profile, facing left. The piano is situated in front of a large window with multiple panes, through which a lush green landscape is visible. On top of the piano, there is a clear glass vase containing several thin branches with small pink and white blossoms. To the left of the vase, a stack of three books is visible. The lighting is soft and natural, suggesting a bright day outside.

**CHRIST
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A Songbook for Worship and Meditation

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Song of Surrender

Search me and know my ways
Show me where I need to change
Take these ashes and turn them to beauty
Take this heart, Lord, and make it clean
Let Your will be done,
Let Your will be done in me

Psalm 139:23-24
Jeremiah 17:9
Isaiah 61:3
Psalm 51:2-4
Psalm 143:10

Purify this wretched heart
Take me to the place You are
By Your streams where I find mercy
Under the shadow of Your wings
Let Your will be done
Let Your will be done in me

Psalm 51:10
John 15:4
Jeremiah 7:7-8
Psalm 36:7
Psalm 143:10

I give it all to You
I lay it at Your feet
So take my every crown
I lay it down to You my King
For You are God alone
Come make this heart Your home
And let Your will be done
Holy Spirit come and move in me

James 4:7
Galatians 2:20
Revelation 4:10
Psalm 145:1
Psalm 86:10
1 Corinthians 6:17
Matthew 6:10
Romans 8:14-16

I don't want to live this way
Anymore, anymore
I'm needing You to break these chains
And be my Lord, be my Lord

Romans 8:5-6
Psalm 107:14
Romans 10:9



Song of Suspenders: Author's Note

Have you ever paused to reflect on change? We don't have to look very far to experience it happening all around us. The sun rises and sets, seasons come and go, children grow up. It's easy to measure and rationalize the changes we can see with our eyes. But what about a deeper change? What about the reflection of the state of our own heart and its need for change? How often do we move toward self reflection instead of mere outward observation? My own self reflection revealed dark corners left unattended for years, and made me realize a deeper change was absolutely needed.





Prodigal: Author's Note

Have you ever tried to ride a bike without handlebars? When I was young I thought it would be a good idea to try, and you can probably guess what happened. Little man went off-roading, down the hill, and crashed into the ditch. Those handlebars sure do come in handy to help stabilize and guide the journey. Three decades later and I'm still learning this lesson. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it. How amazing is it that we have something (Someone) steady to hold onto when the road gets rough, when the wind gets strong, and when the sea billows roll?



Prodigal

He looked towards me in my distress
When all was lost and in darkness
He still pursued my heart
And beckoned me home

He clothed me in His righteousness
When filthy rags are all I bring
Cleansed and adopted in
A son to the King

For I know He's the anchor I can hold on to
And I know He's the answer and His words are true
Life-giving water, Christ on the altar

Now His Spirit is alive in me
The wellspring of my soul
Giving the strength to run
And a heart that can love

Oh, He is infinitely more
Than all this world can offer
Than all this world can give

John 6:44
Romans 7:18
1 John 4:19
John 14:3

Isaiah 61:10
Isaiah 61:6
1 John 1:9; Ephesians 1:5-6
1 John 3:2

Hebrews 6:19
Psalm 119:142
John 4:13-14

1 Corinthians 6:19
Galatians 5:22-23
Romans 8:26-27
1 John 4:19

Psalm 73:25-26

Stronghold

When the light dims and horizon fades
When the wind blows like a hurricane

1 Peter 4:12

And there seems to be no way out
No way out of this

Acts 27:20

You are my stronghold in times of trouble
You are my refuge when I fear
You are my wisdom in every decision
You are my comfort when You draw near

Psalm 9:9
Psalm 46:1
Proverbs 2:6
Psalm 34:18

But the light came
And dwelt among
When the wind blew
He calmed the storm
When the cross said
The lamb was slain
The king rose
Out of the grave

John 8:12
John 1:14

Matthew 8:26-27

Revelation 5:12

Matthew 28:6





Stronghold: Author's Note

I've found myself on the couch, the morning sunlight creeping in, with a cup of coffee, cracking open the pages of the living Word, only to find a sense of emptiness. I realize the coffee only provides a temporary comfort, the warmth of the sunlight inevitably becomes clouded, and the solitude of the moment will soon fade to the ever pressing demands of the day. But then I'm struck by God's amazing clarity in places like Psalm 9, showing an abundant portion of hope and a surpassing peace finds its home.

Now there's only
One way out
One way out of this

You are my fortress and cannot be shaken
You are my answer when I doubt
You are my constant keeping Your promise
That I'm not forsaken
And You're holding me now

John 14:6

Psalm 18:2
Matthew 21:21
Psalm 145:13-14
Deuteronomy 31:8
Isaiah 41:13

Sovereign

You are the radiance of the glory of the Lord
Your hand upholds the weak in the trials and the storms
Your righteousness it shines for all the world to see
The beautiful exchange of sin for Christ in me

You are sovereign over everything
You never change, yes You've always been
Sovereign

You are the image of the God we cannot see
Firstborn of all creation, King above all kings
Your holiness it shines so all the world will know
That You alone are God and bow before Your throne

Everlasting, never ending, the beginning and the end
Forever You are God
Every blessing, every mourning, You hold it in Your hands
Forever You are God, forever You are God

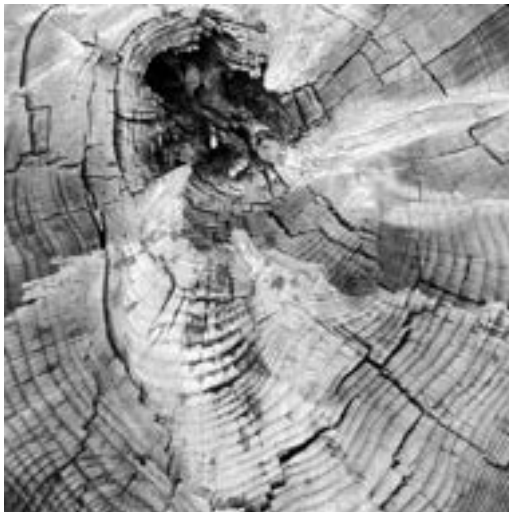
Hebrews 1:3
Isaiah 41:10
Psalm 145:17
2 Corinthians 5:21

Colossians 1:16-17
Hebrews 13:8

Colossians 1:15a
Colossians 1:15b
Psalm 99:1-3
Isaiah 45:23

Psalm 90:2

Psalm 24:1-2
Isaiah 40:28



Sovereign: Author's Note

I've always been fascinated with the wind, and it's probably from the influence of my dad, who would get visibly excited every time storm clouds rolled in. He would sit out on the back deck and wait for the wind to do its work. Of course we never got to see the wind itself, but as the storm passed and the clouds lifted, there was evidence of its strength and resolve left behind. These thoughts have bolstered my confidence in the One I cannot see who sits in the heavenly places. The One who has dominion, authority, and control, yet intercedes on my behalf. I find myself now in the sure and steady winds of His presence guiding me back to His shore.

Yes I Am



Let Your words speak
Let them pierce me
Till all that's leaving
Is not of You

Romans 10:17
Hebrews 4:12

John 17:17

Let this heart breathe
For it is complete
You are inside me
I am renewed

Ephesians 2:8-10

Ephesians 4:22-24

Yes I am a new creation
Yes I am bought by Your blood
Yes I am forgiven
Yes I am dearly loved

2 Corinthians 5:17
1 Peter 2:18-19
1 John 1:9
Romans 5:8

So let my words speak
Of all Your beauty
Father use me
To sing of You

Psalms 19:14

Psalms 71:23

Let this heart beat
For Your glory
All that's inside me
Has been renewed

Colossians 3:17

Isaiah 1:18

And even when I ran
You chased the heart of this man
You never left me alone

Romans 8:7
Jeremiah 31:3
Deuteronomy 31:8



When I thought I could outrun
The pursuit of Your love
You brought me back to You Your throne

Yes You are God of creation
Yes it's You who shed Your blood
Yes You have forgiven
Yes You have, yes You have
Yes You have dearly loved

John 3:16
Hebrews 4:16

Genesis 1:1

Matthew 26:28
Psalm 37:1

1 John 4:19



Yes I Am: Author's Note

Growing up playing sports was quite the emotional adventure for me. Being highly competitive had its advantages, but a team loss or poor performance would often lead me down the path of anxiety, frustration, and despair. It became very clear how athletics had become a major part of my identity, and I was thankful for a consistent, patient, and loving dad who exemplified the truth that you cannot serve two masters. I have since realized that in Christ, I don't have to be held captive to my old self, my old ways, and my old priorities. Don't get me wrong, I still love sports. But in being made new, I know to whom I belong. And that gives me the confidence to love and be loved regardless of any circumstantial outcomes.

For Glory and Beauty

Let there be a passion in my heart

Let it overflow and be set apart

For only You

For only You

Let my every breath praise Your holy name

Let all my desires just fade away

Till there's only You

Only You

Romans 12:11

1 Peter 2:9

Psalm 150:6

Psalm 73:25-26

For glory and beauty I'll praise

The one who was pierced for my stains

That You are worthy God

You are worthy God

For glory and beauty Your name

Be praised

Exodus 28:2-3

Isaiah 53:5

Revelation 4:1

For glory and beauty I'll praise

The one who has conquered the grave

Oh You are holy God

You are holy God

For glory and beauty Your name

Be praised

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

Psalm 29:1-2

Oh that I would be made low

That You be lifted up

Let nothing be my boast

But You and You alone

John 3:30

1 Corinthians 1:31



For Glory and Beauty: Author's Note

You may have heard the analogy and question, when the cup of your life is bumped, what spills out? If anyone took an honest look at the different snapshots of my life over the years, they would see all sorts of different things bubbling over. All of which have in some way been laced with the self-centered poison of needing approval and affirmation from others. This constant struggle has led me to return often to the prayer that I would continually fix my gaze on that which is glorious and beautiful. That all the other affections of the heart would fade into the background, and true thankfulness and praise would start to pour.





I Can Trust You

All that's in my heart let it be of You
Every tempting thought every piercing wound
Be my hiding place in the house of all my fears
Cover me with grace, come and meet me here

You are a holy and perfect Father
I can trust You, I can trust You
You are the bread of life and living water
I can trust You, I can trust You
To be my comforter and meet me in my brokenness
I can trust You, I can trust You

All of my delight, let it be in You
Everything I own, everything I do
Be my one desire in the valley and the hills
No matter where I am, would You love me still

Left to myself I am empty I am poor
Left to myself I am lost without You Lord
Left to myself there's no breath inside these lungs
Left to myself I would never be enough

I Can TRUST You: Author's Note

I was 12 years old and heard the news that we were going to pack up and move to a different state. I remember being devastated and found it extremely difficult to trust a decision that my parents made that would take me away from my friends. Over a decade later and now married, my wife and I had an opportunity to serve overseas for a year, so we quit our jobs, raised support, and found out a short time before our departure that we were pregnant with our first child. Each of these two difficult and formative moments in my life had a common theme. Trust. In every hill and valley present in my life I have always been confronted with the question of who or what can I actually trust.

Psalm 51:10-12

Psalm 32:7
1 Timothy 1:14

Deuteronomy 32:4
Hebrews 13:8
John 6:35

John 14:26

Psalm 37:4

Psalm 27:4

John 15:5

Ephesians 2:8-9



Christ Be Magnified

In the morning when I arise
When my eyes first see the light
The day ahead is still unknown
Yet I will seek You

Psalm 19:14

Let this be my prayer
The song I sing today
May I honor You
In every single way

Psalm 63:1

Oh I pray
Christ be magnified in me
Oh Lord
Help me to walk faithfully
In the morning and the night
Lord my prayer is
Christ be magnified

Psalm 118:24

Psalm 86:11
Psalm 92:2

Philippians 1:20



In the waiting when trials come
When I am tempted to despair
I know I am fully known
So I will praise You


Micah 7:79

Psalms 9:1

Christ be magnified
Over all my life
In every step I take
I will trust no other name

Psalms 20:7

In the morning when I arise
In the waiting when trials come
I'll give praise to You, oh Lord ... my God



Christ Be Magnified: Author's Note

Rise, work, return home, and do it all over again. It's a pattern. A routine. Yet, how frequently do we rise and just sit for a moment? How often, upon waking, do we utter, "Oh, Lord, I really need you." Or, "Lord, today is truly yours! From the moment I take my first breath, I pray that you will shine brightly in my actions today. Whatever challenges I face, the honor belongs to you." How often do we consider how we can magnify Christ's name in our routine and daily activities? This song serves as my daily prayer. It's a ringing reminder that there are countless chances to display Christ and to greatly magnify His name.



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