

Album Notes

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This collection of songs centers on the theme of discipleship. By exploring the emotions, questions, and struggles that arise when we follow Christ, it paints an honest picture of attempting to live a life of faith. The way is not always easy, the answers not always clear. But by living in the tension – indeed, leaning into it – the relationship between sinner and Savior is not frayed or torn, but strengthened. Until a disciple dare ask "Do you not care if we perish?" does he come to know the fullness of "love in the blood that flowed down."

Stumbling Soul/Feeble Heart

By Michael Kuehn; Key: E; Time: 6/8

I can't find a reason, I can't find a rhyme Why I'm running from You after all this time Oh the trial's been had, I'm acquitted the crime But I'm still holding tight to this pride of mine

You bid me come without money and buy
To take up my cross, to come and die
Could I just do the first? 'Cause the latter's too hard
For this stumbling soul and this feeble heart

I'm sorry to all of you that I've failed
For the lies that I told and the idols I've hailed
I wish I could say now my demons are jailed
But I'll keep up the fight till He pulls back the veil

You bid me come without money and buy
To take up my cross, to come and die
Could I just do the first? 'Cause the latter's too hard
For this stumbling soul and this feeble heart

I know it's hard to take all your pain
To lay it all down and count it as gain
But brother be strong, for all else is loss
So take up your arms and take up your cross

He bids you come and drink from the well These waters of life quench the fires of hell And nothing could ever keep you apart Not even your stumbling soul or your feeble heart

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(ls. 55:1; Luke 9:21-27; 2 Cor. 3:12-18; Heb. 10:19-25; Phil. 3:7-11; Rom. 8:38-39; Rev. 22:17)

Say the Word

By: Michael Kuehn, Key: D, 4/4

Who would you have me be? Say the word, oh just say the word What would you have me do? Say the word, oh just say the word

But when the storm is raging on And all hope seems is gone Will the wind and the waves still obey? Will they still obey?

Where would you have me go? Say the word, oh just say the word What would you have me say? Say the word, oh just say the word

But when the storm is raging on And all hope seems is gone Will the wind and the waves still obey? Will they still obey?

Lord do you not care if we perish? Lord are we not the ones you cherish? Say the word, say the word Every breath, I will serve

But when the storm is raging on And all hope seems is gone Will the wind and the waves still obey? Will they still obey?

(Mark 4:35-41)

Dust of Your Feet

Michael Kuehn, Key: E, 4/4

I'm tired of following my heart Being cheated, deceived, and lied I need something stronger A lion of a different pride

Oh I feel these, burdens hanging 'round my neck As I'm pulling harder at the reins Will I ever learn? To walk in stride is to ease the pain To walk in stride is to ease the pain

I take for granted all I have And I'm still expecting more Refusing to trade these rags For more than I'd ever bargain for

Oh I feel these, burdens hanging 'round my neck As I'm pulling harder at the reins Will I ever learn? To walk in stride is to ease the pain To walk in stride is to ease the pain

Can I come close? Can I come closer?

Cover my robe in the dust of your feet Show me you're the only thing that I need Lift these burdens and set me free To take up the yoke that you share with me

(Matt. 11:28-30; Is. 64:6; Luke 8:35, 10:39; Mark 3:34)

Good & Glory

Michael Kuehn, Key: Ab, 4/4

I am just so tired, I don't know what to say I am so weary, I can't think straight

I am so weak, I don't have the strength to stand Much less the desire, to get back up again

It was Your hand, that brought me low
It was Your hand, in death's shadow
And though I may not ever see
The joy my sorrows weave
Your love has convinced me
It's for good and glory

I am not lost, I know just where I am I'm too familiar, with this desolate wasteland

It was Your hand, that brought me here
It was Your hand, tracing every tear
And though I may not ever see
The joy my sorrows weave
Your love has convinced me
It's for good and glory

Lord I believe, help my unbelief When the shadow's hanging over me When the answers are just out of reach

It was Your hand, that brought me low It was Your hand, in death's shadow And though I may not ever see The joy my sorrows weave Your love has convinced me It's for good and glory

(1 Sam. 2:6-8; Rom. 8:28, 11:36; Ps. 56:8; Rev. 21:4)

Wedding White

By: Michael Kuehn, Key: E, 4/4

Justice cries, but asks not of me My pardon granted, I've been set free Still every cry must be heard It's met by the blood that speaks a better word

It's only by the love in the blood that flowed down
That I stand before the throne in an ivory wedding gown
Crimson though was I, from crimes of deepest dye
Lord Your grace has washed me wedding white

When sin clings to the hem of my soul
My sin not in part but the whole
I cannot be unraveled exposed
For I am clothed in the King's righteous robes

It's only by the love in the blood that flowed down
That I stand before the throne in an ivory wedding gown
Crimson though was I, from crimes of deepest dye
Lord Your grace has washed me wedding white

Oh it never was, a fair exchange, nor will it ever be You paid the price, then blessed me twice When You gave Your righteousness to me

It's only by the love in the blood that flowed down
That I stand before the throne in an ivory wedding gown
Crimson though was I, from crimes of deepest dye
Lord Your grace has washed me wedding white

(Heb. 12:24; Is. 1:18; Rev. 19:7-9; Eph. 5:27; Is. 61:10; Rom. 3:21-26; 2 Cor. 5:21)