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We are beyond blessed at Grace for so many reasons. One of the greatest privileges in my life is getting to write and collaborate on our VBS CD. This music helps form our children, it speaks to our adult community, we sing it for decades, and it is also such a blast to create. It is my *second* favorite week every year (VBS is first!). Every year I lament not documenting every second we're in that room. We create, cry, pray, read scripture, meltdown, rebuild, brainstorm, and laugh until we are absolutely weeping. Through it all we come out having worshipped more closely to our God, having dug into the word so intimately that we feel like we were in the presence of His holiness. God has to be in there with us and in every fiber of something so fun and wonderful.

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We are the luckiest and proudest team, and we can NOT wait for you to hear this music! There is a little something for everyone on this CD from hip-hop to preschool. We hope you enjoy singing and dancing to this as much as we do and that you enjoy this journey as much as we did! All glory to Jesus, the PIONEER of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)!

Move!

Music: Ivy Castle & Jason Hoard

Lyrics: Ivy Castle (with Daniel Baudin, Traci Baudin, Rebekah Daniel, & Jason Hoard)

Vocals: Rebekah Daniel

BGVs: Daniel Baudin, Traci Baudin, Ivy Castle, Julie Clark, Johnice Haney, Jason Hoard, & Liz Moran

Guitars: Isaac Hutchens

[VERSE 1]

Every day we can look to Jesus
He shows the way, shows us how to live
We put our trust in the One who leads us
As we discover what He said and did

[PRE-CHORUS]

Believe
You gotta believe

[CHORUS]

No time to sit still
Time to take action
Living like the Savior
Is a chain reaction
Here, there, everywhere
God is doing something in you (in you)
Ready, set, move!

[VERSE 2]

It all begins with belief in Jesus
We learn about love that sets us free
Share the news of the Kingdom coming
Then we will go where Jesus leads

[PRE-CHORUS]

Believe
You gotta believe

[CHORUS]

No time to sit still
Time to take action
Living like the Savior
Is a chain reaction
Here, there, everywhere
God is doing something in you (in you)
Ready, set, move!

[BRIDGE]

Tell your sisters and your brothers
We got good news
Take a hand and tell each other
Ready, set, move!

Tell your sisters and your brothers
We got good news
Take a hand and tell each other
Ready, set, move!

Believe

[CHORUS]

No time to sit still
Time to take action
Living like the Savior
Is a chain reaction
Here, there, everywhere
God is doing something in you (in you)
Ready, set, move!
Ready, set, move!

Urgent

Music: Daniel Baudin, Ivy Castle, Jason Hoard, & Luke Hutchens

Lyrics: Ivy Castle & Daniel Baudin (with Traci Baudin, Jason Hoard, & Liz Moran)

Vocals: Daniel Baudin

BGVs: Ivy Castle

[CHORUS]

Every time I
Try to do it on my
Own I find I can't get by
On my own supply
It's urgent, urgent
This is an emergency
It's urgent, see?

Every time I
Try to do it on my
Own I find I can't get by
On my own supply
It's urgent, urgent
This is an emergency
It's urgent, see?

[VERSE 1]

Lord, I'm tired and I
Don't understand it, I keep
Tryna do it on my own
And I can't win
Help me know that when I'm lost
I'm just in need of Your Spirit
Help me know that in the valleys
I don't need to be fearin', yeah

God, I wanna be like You,
So come send Your fire down
And help me speak the truth
Help me be like Your disciples
And depend on You
Leave the past and lies behind
So I can feel brand new, yeah

Lord, catch me when my back's
Against the wall
God, I need Your Helper
To be walkin' with me
Through it all
Let me be someone You trust
To share the truth
Of Your mission

Walk in step with Your Guide
And put aside all division, yeah

[PRE-CHORUS]

God, I need You right now
It's urgent
When I'm broken
Need some healing
Need a surgeon
Give me love, peace,
Joy and discernment
Help me share the truth
To the lost and the searching

[CHORUS]

Every time I
Try to do it on my
Own I find I can't get by
On my own supply
It's urgent, urgent
This is an emergency
It's urgent, see?

Every time I
Try to do it on my
Own I find I can't get by
On my own supply
It's urgent, urgent
This is an emergency
It's urgent, see?

[VERSE 2]

God, they're tired
They don't know they need You
Think they're fighting
On their own
But they're fighting against You
Help them see that they can
Walk their way
Through life with the Spirit
If they say that You're Lord
And trust it's true
They'll receive Him, yeah

[PRE-CHORUS]

God, I need You right now
It's urgent
When I'm broken
Need some healing
Need a surgeon
Give me love, peace,
Joy, and discernment
Help me share the truth
To the lost and the searching

[CHORUS]

Every time I
Try to do it on my
Own I find I can't get by
On my own supply
It's urgent, urgent
This is an emergency
It's urgent, see?

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Own I find I can't get by
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Do You Love Me?

Music: Ivy Castle & Jason Hoard

Lyrics: Ivy Castle

Vocals: Ivy Castle

BGVs: Daniel Baudin, Traci Baudin, Julie Clark, Rebekah Daniel, Johnice Haney, Jason Hoard, & Liz Moran

Guitars: Isaac Hutchens

Take My love now!
Spread it all around, all around!

[VERSE 1]

Jesus asked His friend,
“Do you love Me more
Than these others do?”
He said “You know I love You.”
Jesus commanded him,
“Take care of My sheep,
You’ll tend My people when I have to leave.”
(have to leave)

[PRE-CHORUS]

How can I love like You love?
If I ask Him now,
He’ll show me how. (ask Me now)

[CHORUS]

Do you love me, Lord?
He says, “You know I love you.
What I say is true.
No other love above you.
There is nothing you can do
To take My love away from you.
Take My love now,
Spread it all around, all around.”

[VERSE 2]

Peter said to Him,
“I’ll stay by Your side.”
And then he denied that
Jesus was the true Messiah.

Jesus forgave
Everything he’d done, He said,
“My friend, the one thing you can spread is love.”
(spread is love)

[CHORUS]

Do you love me, Lord?
He says, “You know I love you.
What I say is true.
No other love above you.
There is nothing you can do
To take My love away from you.
Take My love now,
Spread it all around, all around.”

[BRIDGE]

Care for them like I care for you.
There’s one thing that I need you to do.
Care for them like I care for you.
There’s one thing that I need you to do.

[CHORUS]

Do you love me, Lord?
He says “You know I love you.
What I say is true.
No other love above you.
There is nothing you can do
To take My love away from you.
Take My love now,
Spread it all around, all around.”

“Take My love now!
Spread it all around, all around!”

Your Name

Music: Ivy Castle & Jason Hoard

Lyrics: Ivy Castle (with Liz Moran & Jason Hoard)

Vocals: Rebekah Daniel

BGVs: Jason Hoard

Guitars: Isaac Hutchens

[VERSE 1]

I want to go

Where You want me to go

I want to live a life that gives You glory

I want my heart to love like You love

I want to give my all to tell Your story

[CHORUS]

My heart is shouting out Your name

I wanna live a life of praise

Use my mouth

Use my feet

'Til Your story is complete

It's always for Your name

The glory of Your name

[VERSE 2]

You spoke to darkness

And there was light

Gave Your breath to dust and brought us to life

I want to know what You want me to know

I'll walk by faith and not by sight

[CHORUS]

My heart is shouting out Your name

I wanna live a life of praise

Use my mouth

Use my feet

'Til Your story is complete

It's always for Your name

It's always for

[BRIDGE]

Mighty God

Holy Father

Prince of Peace

King of Kings

[CHORUS]

My heart is shouting out Your name

I wanna live a life of praise

Use my mouth

Use my feet

'Til Your story is complete

It's always for Your name

It's always for

[CHORUS]

My heart is shouting out Your name

I wanna live a life of praise

Use my mouth

Use my feet

'Til Your story is complete

It's always for Your name

The glory of Your name

God Is With Me

Music: Ivy Castle & Jason Hoard

Lyrics: Ivy Castle (with Julie Clark & Johneice Haney)

Vocals: Ivy Castle and Julie Clark

BGVs: Daniel Baudin, Traci Baudin, Rebekah Daniel, Johneice Haney, Jason Hoard, & Liz Moran

Guitars: Isaac Hutchens

[VERSE 1]

Hey, preschool friends
It's time to move
Get on your feet
It's time to groove

[PRE-CHORUS]

I am loved, I am smart,
I am strong because God is with me
I am loved, I am smart,
I am strong because God is with me
Are you ready? 3-2-1!

[CHORUS]

We're gonna jump, jump, jump
We're gonna clap, clap, clap
We're gonna spin around
And sing about Jesus' love

We're gonna stomp, stomp, stomp
We're gonna shout, shout, shout
We're gonna wave our arms
And sing about how Jesus loves us

[VERSE 2]

Hey, preschool friends
It's time for fun
In Jesus' eyes
We're number one

[PRE-CHORUS]

I am loved, I am smart,
I am strong because God is with me
I am loved, I am smart,
I am strong because God is with me

Are you ready? 3-2-1!

[CHORUS]

We're gonna jump, jump, jump
We're gonna clap, clap, clap
We're gonna spin around
And sing about Jesus' love

We're gonna stomp, stomp, stomp
We're gonna shout, shout, shout
We're gonna wave our arms
And sing about how Jesus loves us

[BRIDGE]

How small can you jump?
How small can you clap?
How small can you stomp?
And dance and shout

HOW BIG CAN YOU JUMP?
HOW BIG CAN YOU CLAP?
HOW BIG CAN YOU STOMP
AND DANCE AND SHOUT?

[CHORUS]

We're gonna jump, jump, jump
We're gonna clap, clap, clap
We're gonna spin around
And sing about Jesus' love

We're gonna stomp, stomp, stomp
We're gonna shout, shout, shout
We're gonna wave our arms
And sing about how Jesus loves us

I Will Love You Always

Music: Ivy Castle & Jason Hoard

Lyrics: Ivy Castle

Vocals: Ivy Castle

BGVs: Jason Hoard

Guitars: Isaac Hutchens

[VERSE 1]

How many chances should I get?
How fragile is Your love?
Could I mess up enough that You give up on me?
I think sometimes I try my best
Or I'm the world's worst enemy.

[CHORUS]

But You call me by my name.
You say, "Child, I will
Love you always.
Just as you are,
You are a part of My heart.
I will love you always."

[VERSE 2]

How many times can I deny just who You are?
Why do I push Your love away?
When You reach out and show me love,
I don't believe what You say
Of who I am and who You are,
But You still hold me anyway.

[CHORUS]

And You call me by my name.
You say, "Child, I will
Love you always.
Just as you are,
You are a part of My heart.
I will love you always."

[BRIDGE]

The Maker of the sky,
The Keeper of my soul,
How could my tiny life
Be one You want to know?

You own the universe,
You are glory, You are God.
Every good and wondrous thing
Created with a nod.

The Maker of the world
Knows my every thought,
And yet He died upon the cross
For my salvation that He bought.

His blood was spilled for me,
And He knows just who I am.
When He started dark and light,
I was written in His plan.

And He could ask for anything
From the earth and sky above.
He could bring kings to their knees,
But all He's asking for is love.

He could make the world perfect,
He could pick someone more worthy,
Have anyone and anything,
But all He wants is you and me.

[CHORUS]

So He calls us by name.
He says, "Child, I will
Love you always.
Just as you are,
You are a part of My heart.
I will love you."

[CHORUS]

You call me by my name.
You say, "Child, I will
Love you always.
Just as you are,
You are a part of My heart.
I will love you always."

Unknown God

Music: Daniel Baudin, Ivy Castle, Jason Hoard, & Luke Hutchens

Lyrics: Daniel Baudin & Ivy Castle (with Traci Baudin, Jason Hoard, & Liz Moran)

Vocals: Daniel Baudin & Ivy Castle

[CHORUS]

I... wanna be...
I wanna be known
Wanna be known
Wanna be known
By an unknown God

I... wanna be...
I wanna be known
Wanna be known
Wanna be known
By an unknown God

[VERSE 1]

We are living in a time of idols
Riches, wealth, fame... all I want
Social in the media but no one's really seeing ya
Hopin' that they like ya
Reachin' out to find love

The gods that we know, they're all just for show
Scrolling through our lives
Missing out on something more
Virtual realness never makes us feel less
Emotional reality is making life a mess

[CHORUS]

I... wanna be...
I wanna be known
Wanna be known
Wanna be known
By an unknown God

I... wanna be...
I wanna be known
Wanna be known
Wanna be known
By an unknown God

[VERSE 2]

When we look away from all these idols
Thinking we're alone but our God makes us known
'Cause He's Maker of everything

We think, "He's too big for me" and
You're hoping He's near
But He's always been right here

The God that we know, He's not just for show
Working in our lives,
We can always know Him more
Seek Him and love Him
Follow and trust Him
Unknown becomes the known
Because He's living here within

[CHORUS]

I... wanna be...
I wanna be known
Wanna be known
Wanna be known
By an unknown God

I... wanna be...
I wanna be known
Wanna be known
Wanna be known
By an unknown God

[BRIDGE]

Our big God
Sent His Son
Felt so far
Now we're one

[CHORUS]

I... wanna be...
I wanna be known
Wanna be known
Wanna be known
By an unknown God

I... wanna be...
I wanna be known
Wanna be known
Wanna be known
By an unknown God

Time to Make Some Noise

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Vocals: Ivy Castle

BGVs: Jason Hoard

Guitars: Isaac Hutchens

[VERSE 1]

Who makes the rocks cry out His name?
Who makes the stars that have to shine?
The God who made the fire's flame
His love and power and grace combined
Reached down and touched this
Heart and soul and mind

[PRE-CHORUS]

The mountains and the hills will sing
The trees will clap their hands
My voice was made for worshipping
My feet were made to dance

[CHORUS]

Get up and get loud
It's time to move now
Stand out as we shout out
The name of the Lord
Stand up and get rowdy
Stand out of the crowd
Yeah, it's time to move now

[VERSE 2]

Who calms the storms and parts the seas?
Who moves creation to its knees?

[PRE-CHORUS]

The mountains and the hills will sing
The trees will clap their hands
My voice was made for worshipping
My feet were made to dance

[CHORUS]

Get up and get loud
It's time to move now

Stand out as we shout out
The name of the Lord
Stand up and get rowdy
Stand out of the crowd
Yeah, it's time to move now

[BRIDGE]

Clap your hands
Awaken your voice
Slap your feet
On the floor
Let's make some noise
Shout out
Sing out
Let's all rejoice
Jump up because it's
Time to make some noise

[CHORUS]

Get up and get loud
It's time to move now
Stand out as we shout out
The name of the Lord
Stand up and get rowdy
Stand out of the crowd
'Cause it's time to make some noise

[CHORUS]

Get up and get loud
It's time to move now
Stand out as we shout out
The name of the Lord
Stand up and get rowdy
Stand out of the crowd
Yeah, it's time to move now

Back to You

Music: Ivy Castle & Jason Hoard

Lyrics: Ivy Castle

Vocals: Ivy Castle

BGVs: Jason Hoard

Guitars: Isaac Hutchens

[VERSE 1]

When I'm feeling lost
Feeling empty
When I can't find my way
I'm calling out to You

Lord, You know the cost
You were sent to
Help me lay
My life down to You

[PRE-CHORUS]

'Cause I am Yours
And You are mine
I will trust You with my life

[CHORUS]

I'm free falling into Your arms
I push away, You pull me back
Into all that You are
I'm free falling
Free falling

[VERSE 2]

I know who You are and want to believe
You grab hold of my soul and pull me to my feet

Like jars of clay
Not one of us the same
You formed us out of love
And You never make mistakes

[PRE-CHORUS]

'Cause I am Yours
And You are mine
I will trust You with my life

[CHORUS]

I'm free falling into Your arms
I push away, You pull me back
Into all that You are
I'm free falling

Free falling

[BRIDGE 1]

I don't wanna walk
I wanna run
Back to You, back to You

I don't wanna walk
I wanna run
Back to You , back to you
Back to You

[BRIDGE 2]

Can't keep my hands away
Reach to the heavens
To get close to You
To get close to You

I'm saying yes
I won't give up
I'll live my life just
Running back to You
Running back to You

I'm free falling into Your arms
I push away, You pull me back
Into all that You are
I'm free falling into your arms
You save me when I'm crashing
Bring me safely where You are

[CHORUS]

I'm free falling into Your arms
I push away, You pull me back
Into all that You are
I'm free falling
Free falling

Back to You
Free falling
I am Yours
You are mine

Pioneer

*Dedicated to the current & former Grace middle/high school students
whose passion for VBS leads children into genuinely worshipping the Lord year after year.*

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(Is this a rap song? I think it is. Gotta let 'em know. Ok, ok,
let's rap it out. Let's go. Go on, BAU, lay it down.)

[CHORUS]

Yeah, my God made the way, Pioneer (Pioneer!)
When I'm lost or in the dark
I know He's always near (always near)
Satan salty cuz he lost
He got no time to cheer (woo!)
Now I'm living free and holding deuces up
To all my fears like WOO! (deuces!)

Yeah, my God made the way, Pioneer (Pioneer!)
When I'm lost or in the dark
I know He's always near (yeah)
Satan feeling salty cuz he lost
He got no time to cheer (time to cheer)
Now I'm living free
Ain't got no worries
Ain't got time for fear (ain't got time for dat)

[VERSE 1]

Yeah... I ain't got time for dat
Put ya hands high if you know that the Son of God
Has got your back, AYYY
His name is Jesus and
He came here to save us
So now we're walking on this journey
With the freedom He gave us, uh (we are free!)

Yeah, I know when God starts He finishes
So we'll go out to the world and
Share His name as His witnesses, uh

You better believe
The God who sets free
All the prisoners and the captives
Just like you and like me (that's me!)

So we sing... (WOO!)

[CHORUS]

Yeah, my God made the way, Pioneer (Pioneer!)
When I'm lost or in the dark
I know He's always near (always near)

Satan salty cuz he lost
He ain't got time to cheer (yeah)
Now I'm living free and holding deuces up
To all my fears like WOO (not today, Satan!)

Yeah, my God made the way, Pioneer
When I'm lost or in the dark
I know He's always near (always near)
Satan feeling salty cuz he lost
He got no time to cheer
Now I'm living free
Ain't got no worries
Ain't got time for fear

[VERSE 2]

Brrr, "Hey, what's that?"
Jesus calling, He got yo back
Whenever there's lies from the enemy
Tell 'em you ain't ever gonna crack
Why? Because through Jesus we're saved
So we gon' go and share the story
Of the Lord and His grace

As we sing... (I'm goin')

[CHORUS]

Yeah, my God made the way, Pioneer (Pioneer!)
When I'm lost or in the dark
I know He's always near (always near)
Satan salty cuz he lost
He got no time to cheer (time to cheer)
Now I'm living free and holding deuces up
To all my fears like WOO (deuces!)

Yeah, my God made the way, Pioneer (Pioneer!)
When I'm lost or in the dark
I know He's always near (yeah)
Satan feeling salty cuz he lost
He got no time to cheer (got no time for dat)
Now I'm living free
Ain't got no worries
Ain't got time for fear

(Not today, Satan. Imma just cheer this out. Yeah. He's so salty, that Satan!)