TRUE LOVE

LYRICS

Everytime You speak to me You move the ground You move my feet Your love it changes everything In my heart

The sum of all my emptiness The weight of all my brokenness Was cancelled by Your faithfulness to me

Because True Love Will not forsake me True Love Laid down His life for me True Love It has no end You are True Love Jesus You are True Love

So Father give me eyes to see The future that's in front of me I live to see Your will complete For Your glory

Not a feeling that can fade away So much more than just emotion Everything that is inside of me Cries "You have my heart"

Hey yo, everybody's screaming That the truth is a lie But being wrong about what's right Is not an alibi Because I know where I'll be putting My faith and my trust Is in the only true love That bled and died for us But you can say "hey stop! Why you closing your mind?" Cause I ain't settling for something That can never satisfy There's only one Son Who came from above and He's the only way we're ever gonna find...

DEVO

JJ talked about 1 Corinthians 13. When you heard him read that passage, did that sound like YOUR working definition of love? Our view of love is often shaped by our experience.

For me growing up I had this crazy, picturesque, grandiose idea of what love was supposed to be. I seemed to always be trying to find love inside relationships, and the more over the top the better. Those never ended the way I would hope. It usually ended with the hurt of a broken heart and becoming more and more disillusioned with whatever true love was supposed to be.

Maybe you are like me and you searched to define love by relationships. Maybe your wrong view of love came from a tough relationship at home, or maybe from watching a marriage that wasn't quite right. Maybe you have sought to find love in stuff. Maybe you have let love be defined by how others receive you.

The second part of the verse says:

The sum of all my emptiness The weight of all my brokenness Was cancelled by Your faithfulness to me

God shows you that complete and faithful love in Jesus that doesn't depend on you, but solely on His willful faithfulness to you.

THINK ABOUT IT

1. WHO HAS SHAPED YOUR DEFINITION OF TRUE LOVE?

HOW COULD THE WORDS OF 1 CORINTHIANS RESHAPE YOUR VIEW OF TRUE LOVE?

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LYRICS

You call me out into the deep end To jump in To trust You with my life Every other inclination I've hoped in Has left me running dry

Your plan for me Is all I need God help my unbelief Cause everything Wants part of me But you have set me free

I don't want to miss this You are worthy of my life Erase my distractions And reclaim my heart Your grace is my anthem I answer Your call Cause I don't want to miss this

Every trial and temptation I live in You've lived it all before I hold fast to this confession That my sin Was left upon the cross

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I (Aric) talked about a Holy FOMO in the video. Think for a second about a specific time in your life that you truly, truly, truly just had a blast. For some of us it was at a summer camp, or maybe you went to Disney World. Perhaps, it was just one night hanging out with friends talking all night and laughing. If you think back on one of those times most likely something about that moment will be connected to who you are, not the you that is outlined in your Instagram profile, but the most honest inside part of you that maybe only you can see.

That inner person is who you are. When we take that part of us and give it to God and His purposes here on earth, it is like peanut butter and jelly. It is like waking up rested. It is like an embrace from someone you love. God built you and wired you to be exactly who you are. I'm not blind to the fact that you have stuck your grubby little hands in there and messed stuff up just like I have, BUT the beautiful thing is that the architect of your life still has the original plans. He still has more than a blueprint for an imagined future; He has a best future for you. The pre-chorus of this song says:

> Your plan for me Is all I need God help my unbelief Cause everything Wants part of me But you have set me free

God's plan is intact for YOU. Let your prayer be what is said above. Ask God to help your unbelief. The world around you is continually trying to rewrite your story, but God's story is the one you don't want to miss.

THINK ABOUT IT

1. WHO IS SPEAKING THE WORD OF GOD INTO YOUR LIFE?

2. HOW CAN YOU "ERASE YOUR DISTRACTIONS" SO GOD CAN "RECLAIM YOUR HEART"?

JESUS I COME

LYRICS

l've chased an image of perfect Everything I thought You'd want me to be My lungs are burning from ashes Of every offering just trying to please

Oh tell me why do I even try Aren't you the God whose Burden is light

Jesus I come to You When I'm tired and when I'm weary Find rest for my soul Jesus I come to You When I'm burdened and heavy laden Find my rest for my weary soul

I keep on showing up breathless Under the spotlight with nothing to give Crying out for attention Everyone's watching But I'm empty again and again

Oh tell me why do I even try Aren't you the God whose Burden is already light

Jesus I come to You When I'm tired and when I'm weary Find rest for my soul Jesus I come to You When I'm burdened and heavy laden Find my rest for my weary soul

When I slow down And look in Your eyes You lift the weight that I carry inside I take a breath and I lay down my pride And all that's left is a simple reprise

Be still and know that You are God I'll be still and know that You are God I'll be still and know that You are God I know that You are God

DEVO

Go back through and read the lyrics of these verses. What do you notice about them? This song is a prayer. We walk a life of pressure! I know you feel it. Everything on social media screams perfection. Your school work is pressing in on you. Your image and performance feel like they are under a microscope.

"Performance" can leave you feeling like one of those terrible tasting chocolate bunnies from Easter. All perfect on the outside but on the inside completely hollow and fragile.

Our prayer in this song really turns when we confess "why do I even try?" Try can be such a *dirty word*.

Tanner spoke about Matthew 11:28-30 (which is where the lyrics for the chorus come from). How powerful to take the words of God and place them in our words! God tells you that he will take on your burdens when you come to Him.

Tanner's word in the video was "over-complexity". Sometimes you won't let yourself believe that the answer is really that simple. Simply come to God. And what do you do when you get there? We find that answer in the end of our prayer that is found in Psalm 46:10

"Be still and know that I am God"

THINK ABOUT IT

1. WHERE HAVE YOU PUT YOUR HOPE IN "TRYING" IN YOUR LIFE INSTEAD OF IN TRUSTING IN GOD?

2. HOW CAN YOU FIND REAL SPACE TODAY, AND IN THE FUTURE, TO SIMPLY BE STILL BEFORE GOD?