

## Worship Studio - Album 2 Sings A New Song

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES, November 9, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- For Layton McGuire, worship comes with a soundtrack and to be in the presence of God is to hear the divine lyrics of a love which passes all understanding. After five years as a worship pastor and six years writing songs, he's now in the process of building a worship studio and he's asking for Kickstarter crowdfunding support for his Worship Studio--Album 2 campaign to help him build a God-inspired tool that will be used to uplift others in their daily lives. His style is contemporary acoustic using music that people are familiar with because they've been singing them in their own churches. "Hymns are incredibly rich," says McGuire, who also loves finding old hymns that have been made accessible for today and for the acoustic guitar.



The November 18 deadline for his campaign's goal is approaching fast. That contrasts with the slow pace at which God drew him in for leading worship. First, he began to fall in love with God's presence among the people at church. Following that, he was introduced to one of the church's worship and small group leaders, which led to at-home worship. The intimacy of sharing faith in a small group moved McGuire in a big way. "I was hooked on singing to Jesus from then on. I couldn't stop and it's all I wanted to do every day."

He learned about leading worship from the leaders at Harvest Bible Chapel Naperville, who brought him into their worship culture, leading by example. Through them, McGuire learned about God. Introduced to other worship leaders, he absorbed the lessons that blended the awareness of God's presence with the music that is an intrinsic part of his own personality. He was allowed to lead in various environments and he learned from each one. He credits the worship leaders, who walked along side of him every step of the way, with giving him many opportunities.

Discovering God through music is a biblical tradition that reaches as far back as King David, who expressed his adoration in the psalms which continue to <u>bring comfort to believers</u> thousands of years later. McGuire fell in love with the Lord in a deeply personal way. He craved time alone with God, and also with God's people during worship time.

McGuire recognizes the vulnerability of worship. But he also finds joy in that place. "I try to be personal with the Lord, intimate with him, vulnerable." But that vulnerability inspires him to put himself

in a place of awe. Adoration of God is not something that everyone is comfortable talking about with others, but McGuire isn't restricted in his faith. "In the times of joy, I just try to magnify him and praise him and boast in Him with loud shouts."

Exploring his faith through music meant finding a sense of calling in his life, and that's when he began to dig deeper for God's word. He discovered a hunger for God and with that, the desire to lead people to the presence of Jesus in worship. The Bible challenged him: Matthew 16:25, which explains that in order to gain one's life, one must lose it for Christ, smacked him across the face at a time when he needed to make a life-changing decision. He needed to decide whether to accept his first on-staff worship-leading position at another church. He enjoyed the multi-faceted process of playing and praying, digging into scripture, songwriting and singing so much that he realized that was where he wanted to be.

McGuire feels joy in his worship, but he understands that there are dark places in people's lives. He wants to be there to help them so that they can learn, as he has, to bring everything to the Lord. "As time has gone on, the relationships I've been in have revealed that God is at work in my life. He is pulling people out of the darkness into his glorious light."

The \$20,000 that he's requesting in <u>crowdfunding donations</u> will pay for recording software, microphones, amplifiers, headphone jacks, a computer, mini-keyboard, and other recording gear. When the worship studio is built, McGuire will be able to create his second album which will feature all original worship songs.

## About Layton McGuire

Worship pastor Layton McGuire (<a href="www.laytonmcguire.com">www.laytonmcguire.com</a>) has been leading worship for five years and writing songs for six. Last year he released his debut album, Trust. The album features two original songs, Trust and The Love of God, in addition to worship favorites such as Cornerstone, How He Loves, and Forever Reign. He's currently involved in a Kickstarter crowdfunding campaign entitled "Worship Studio--Album 2." Building the worship studio will enable him to produce his second album, and also to use his music to encourage others to find the inspiration of faith that has led McGuire to his calling as a worship leader.

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