

BUILDING 429 IRIS TO IRIS

POWER OF YOUR NAME

Words & Music by Jason Roy and Chris Eaton

Something about the name of the Lord brings peace. A simple prayer calms our greatest fear because we place our trust in the name of the almighty. This song is a declaration and signals part of a paradigm shift that Building429 has been sifting through the last few months. The hopes and dreams of a ministry that would be larger than the sum of its parts are held in this simple song that speaks of what we long to see come true. To see loneliness banished, brokenness healed, in its simplicity... people reunited with their God. That is a hope that by our power could never be... enter our heavenly Father. The power of His name is great enough to make mountains bow, oceans roar, and the permanent, momentary ... pain, anguish, and disillusion all disappear. It is our prayer that this song would be a cry to our God for the listener. GOD come down and hear the sound.... Jesus we are crying out to you.

Imagine *loneliness banished* by communion
Imagine brokenness sheltered under grace
Disillusioned children finding their reunion
With the author and perfecter of their faith
God come down, hear the sound
Jesus we cry, to You

Only by the Power of your name
Will I live, Will I live
Calling all your people to proclaim
Adonai, Adonai

Holy Father You have brought salvation
Beauty for ashes, hope for all our shame
Liberation rings over every nation
Love has been redeemed by the power of Your name
God come down, hear the sound
Jesus we're crying out to You

Only by the Power of Your name
Will I live, Will I live
Calling all Your people to proclaim
Adonai, Adonai
Only by the power of Your name

Only by the Power of Your name
Will I live, Will I live

Only by the Power of Your name
Will I live, Will I live
The heavens and the earth will pass away
Only love, yes Your love
Only Love will remain
Only by the power of Your name

MAJESTY

Words & Music by Jason Roy

After writing 20-30 songs I had hoped would be the basis for our third record, I came to a horrible conclusion. They were no good. It was that simple... they just weren't anything we hadn't done before, and they didn't say anything we hadn't said before. So I took two days off to pray and wait. The prayer was simple: "Lord what am I supposed to do now... what do you want me to sing about?" On the second day, my answer came in one of the most clearly audible messages I had ever heard from God. He said, "Jason ... just sing to Me." After spending about an hour trying to figure out if I had really heard that or if I was hallucinating... a song idea hit me... out came the pen and in walked a song called "Majesty." In half an hour, I had penned the first song that would make our latest record... and the cry of a heart that had just heard the voice of God.

Lord You are, the light of my heart
Grander than the greatest stars
You are that I might be alive for thee
Lord You came, and breathed anew
A gift of life that will not cease
I am that You might *be glorified*
And I open my eyes to see
I'm asking You Lord reveal to me

Your majesty is captivating all of me
I stand before the one who makes my heart adore
Your majesty *beyond what mortal souls could dream*
We stand amazed breathless as we've come to face
Your majesty

Lord I come to this place
To bring honor to Your name
I stand just to sing of Your great fame
So I open my heart to You
Cause there's nothing else that I can do

When Your majesty is captivating all of me
I stand before the one who makes my heart adore
Your majesty beyond what mortal souls could dream
We stand amazed breathless as we've come to face

So shine down over your children
Reach out and touch us again
So shine down over your children
Reach out and touch me again

I stand before the one who makes my heart adore
When Your majesty is captivating all of me
I stand before the one who makes my heart adore
Your majesty beyond what mortal souls could dream
We stand amazed breathless as we've come to face
Your majesty
Your majesty

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SINGING OVER ME

Words & Music by Jason Roy, Chris Eaton and Michael Anderson

Zephaniah 3:17. I've been trying to get this verse into a song for years. It's my wife's favorite, and because I've heard it so much over the years it has, by default, become one of my own. I couldn't get my favorite part of the verse in the song: "He will quiet you with his love." So, I figured that the implied peaceful slumber of a night when the Lord would be "singing over me with every star" would get close enough. What a thought, He will delight in YOU... yes YOU... HOW COOL IS THAT??? Not only that, but He sings over us... what an amazing picture for us to remember. I can't get around the thought process that tells me, even as I sing these songs on a nightly basis, my God is doing a concert of His own over me!!!

In the middle of the night
When I finally close my eyes
With the memory of the day
Running circles in my mind
The voice that calms the seas
Is whispering to me
Putting all my fears to rest
Yeah You put them all to rest
Then I realize that You're always by my side
When I stand, when I fall, when the lights go off

You You're singing over me, You're singing over me tonight
With every star that's in this midnight sky
You, You're singing over me, You're singing over me tonight
And my heart is overcome with Your song, with Your song

From the depths of my soul
You are calling me
To the evidence of You
In all Your Glory

From the iris of an eye
To the mountains majesty
Putting all my doubts to rest

Yeah then I realize that you are always by my side
In my worst and best, in this beating chest,
When I'm living dying always finding

You You're singing over me, You're singing over me tonight
With every star that's in this midnight sky
You, You're singing over me, You're singing over me tonight
And my heart is overcome with Your song, with Your song

You You're singing over me, You're *singing over me* tonight
With every star that's in this midnight sky
You, You're singing over me, You're singing over me tonight
And my heart is overcome with Your song, with Your song
I'm singing along
Yeah, I can hear it
And I'm singing along

YOU CARRIED ME

Words & Music by Jason Roy

It's scary when you wake up and realize that you've nearly missed it all. You've been so numb that the scripture you quote becomes just a heartless answer to another dull question. So tired that your worship songs become a string of meaningless words that are hardly worship. And for me, it's always been because I lost sight of what mattered and began running a race that I could never win. Just as the corporate world begs for people who love to climb, so does the music business world. I am by nature a person who LOVES to climb. Funny, I've never found a place of rest on any ladder I've ever climbed, literally or figuratively. I think there is a good reason for that. The voice of God is a sweet whisper that begs us to stop climbing and find rest in the shelter of His wings. Take a few moments to look at your life. You will see, just as I did, that every good thing in your life was simply a blessing--not a reward, but a blessing. Another moment that God blessed you far beyond what you deserved. How did you get there?? He carried you.

I've been so busy, I missed the reasons
I missed Your love, and I nearly missed it all
Still You've loved me, and You've healed me
You've given all and it brought me to Your cross
I stand only *because You've given me grace* to walk
Only because

You carried me
You carried me
You carried me through it all
And I believe
Yes I believe
You'll carry me all the way home
Cause mercy covers all

I know the scripture, I've known the songs
I sang the words from my hollowed heart
But You've spoken softly through the storm
I've heard Your voice and I've felt the calm
I stand only because You've given me faith to walk

You carried me
You carried me

You carried me through it all
And I believe
Yes I believe
You'll carry me all the way home
Cause mercy covers all

I know that you love me
I'll never doubt it I can't live without it
Your mercy has found me
I am astounded, I can't live without it

You carried me
You carried me
And I believe
Yes I believe
You'll carry me all the way home
Cause mercy covers all
Mercy covers all
And I believe
And I believe
I believe

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AMAZED

Words & Music by Jason Roy

I've been asked by several people if this song is autobiographical. The simple answer is no. It's really about a friend. But, in fact, I have to admit that reading the lyrics reminds me of when I was 23, and no I'm not yet 33. I returned home after a LONG day at work and was semi-frustrated with a friend of mine who just never seemed to have any joy. He was constantly frustrated by his surroundings, and I just couldn't figure out how to say "don't forget the blessings in the middle of this pain... you've got to trust that Jesus has you exactly where He wants you and that his plan is perfect." My prayer is for you to remember that darkness doesn't change the truth. At night, when you turn the lights off in your room, everything is still the same. The same pictures are hanging a few feet away. Your house hasn't changed a bit. The same is true about our God. Tough times happen when we want to question everything, but remember our God is constant, and when the lights come back on... we will still be amazed!

Who am I, 23 and it's all a lie
Thought I knew who I was
I thought that You were here with me
But this darkness is breaking everything in me
These infinite questions have shattered all the peace
But *I won't question in the dark*
What is true out in the light
I will follow after You
Through the sun and through the night

Cause You've got me right where You want me
Yeah You've got me right where I need to be
And I'm standing amazed

Where did it go, 33 and it's gone so fast
Thought I knew who I was
I thought that You were leading me
But this depression is crashing in on me
And I'm not half the man I hoped I'd be
But I won't question in the dark

INCREDIBLE

Words & Music by Jason Roy and Chris Eaton

This song was actually a secondary thought that came about after writing "Power of Your Name." I was about to walk out the door when Chris (Eaton) began playing this hook on the piano. It was everything you look for in a hook for a great pop song. On the piano it was pretty tame, but nonetheless "incredible." We were both still so in awe that God had given us "Power of Your Name," that we began singing about how amazing the love of God is. Before we knew it, we were both singing out proclamations of our devotion... and the chorus was born. This song was so easy to write that the only question was how to record it. Piano pop or guitar rock?? When Chris would sing along to the demo he would always stand up, arms spread wide with his eyes to the sky and say, "we've got to sing it as if we were in a stadium full of 100,000 people singing along." So, of course, we had to pull the big guitars!!!!

You made sun and the moon and the stars and the wind and the
fire and rain
It so beautiful
You saved my soul, gave me hope, in the midst of the joy and
the pain and I know
It's incredible
I don't understand, how it came to be
That Your glorious love is alive me

It doesn't matter how long I've got live
I'm gonna praise You with every single breath
It doesn't matter how far I've got to go
I'm gonna follow You until you lead me home

This is our song, and it's rising to meet your embrace as we're
giving You praise
Forever more
This is our song, Let all of the people in *heaven and earth*
proclaim
That You are God

What is true out in the light
I will follow after You
Through the storm and through the fight

Cause You've got me right where You want me
Yeah You've got me right where I need to be
And I'm standing amazed

But I won't question in the dark
What is true out in the light
I will follow after You
Through the storm and through the fight

Cause You've got me right where You want me
Yeah You've got me right where I need to be
And I'm standing amazed

You've got me right where I want to be
You've got me right where I need to be
And I'm *standing amazed*

and Your *glorious love is alive* in me

It doesn't matter how long I've got live
I'm gonna praise You with every single breath
It doesn't matter how far I've got to go
I'm gonna follow You until You lead me home
Cause Your love is incredible

Father, My Redeemer, You are Holy, You are Merciful
Jesus, You're my Healer, You're my Savior,
Forever
Forever

It doesn't matter how long I've got live
I'm gonna praise You with every single breath
It doesn't matter how far I've got to go
I'm gonna follow You until You lead me home
Cause Your love is incredible
Yeah Your love is incredible
Oh Your love is incredible

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WAITING TO SHINE

Words & Music by Jason Roy and Jesse Garcia

It's a rare thing to have a song like this one come along ... pure, honest, truthful, heartfelt, poured out for all to hear. I remember sitting in my basement with Jesse as it began to come together and distinctly feeling like the Lord was truly laying a blessing in our lap. Lyrically, we've never been more proud of a song, so it was only natural that we would take the record's title from it. This song bears the impression of nearly every other song on the record; it is truly the heartbeat of this album--to see the skies open wide and be able to stare into the eyes of God, iris to iris.

God I've always wondered what You look like
Lord I've always waited *staring at the sky*
But the heavens remained quiet
As they drift along in peace
Sometimes they've turned to thunder
Still the echoes always cease
How I long to get home
Lord I hope it won't be long
Till You

Let the skies open wide
Let Your child see Your eyes
Iris to iris
I will be waiting
Let the skies open wide
Let Your children be like
Diamonds reflecting
We will be waiting to shine
Waiting to shine

Chasing after vapors left me cold
Cause obscurity befalls me like a diamond cased in coal
But Your hand has been upon me and Your workmanship is true
And years I've spent in darkness made me *long to shine* for You
All I want is to see Your face
All I'm praying for today
Is that You'd

Let the skies open wide
Let Your child see Your eyes
Iris to iris
I will be waiting
Let the skies open wide
Let Your children be like
Diamonds reflecting
We will be waiting to shine
Waiting to shine

Sing Halleluiah to our God
Sing Halleluiah we are found
Sing halleluiah for *the Savior has come down*

Let the skies open wide
Let Your child see Your eyes
Iris to iris
I will be waiting
Let the skies open wide
Let Your children be like
Diamonds reflecting
We will be waiting
Sunset to sunset we will be waiting
Sunset to sunset we will be waiting
Waiting to shine
Still waiting to shine

TAKEN

Words & Music by Jason Roy

"Taken" was an early write for this record. Somehow, amidst all the other songs we wrote for *Iris to Iris*, people kept coming back to it. We had high hopes for this song, mostly because it speaks about a place we've all been at some point--clouded, broken, and confused. It also speaks to the hope of this record on a more personal level. The album's entire focus is seeing the face of God, and this song speaks about His beauty. Perfect and unchanging ... His love forever spoken over us, how could we not be "taken" by the beauty of our Lord and Savior?? The flame of salvation still burns the same as it ever has, and we somehow miss it day after day. My hope for the listener is that they would fall in love all over again, remembering life before grace... and life abundant and free enveloped in grace!!

Little did we know just how far we'd fall
Far enough to dim the light of the sun
We're clouded and alone, we're broken and abused
It took us where You said it would
But I just want to see You now
Oh You know that I just need to see You now

You are so beautiful
You are so beautiful tonight
Perfect and unchanging
Your love has spoken over me
I'm taken by what I see tonight
Yeah tonight

Completely misread and completely unconfessed
All the unrequited love that I've seen
How perfectly does that flame still burn
Even through the highest tides
And *I see clearly* what I missed
Oh You know that I see all I want is this

You are so beautiful
You are so beautiful
You are so beautiful tonight
Perfect and unchanging
Your love has spoken over me
I'm taken by what I see

Tonight *the sky is mine* to see
Tonight the ties are broken
Tonight I will fall on you
Tonight this life is reckoning
Tonight you're words were spoken
Tonight I will fall on You
You are so beautiful
You are *so beautiful*
You are so beautiful tonight
Perfect and unchanging
Your love has spoken over me
I'm taken by what I see tonight

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NEW SEASON

Words & Music by Jason Roy and Jesse Garcia

I was staring blankly at the TV while the day's news was flying across the bottom of the screen. I remember thinking, this stuff isn't made up, this is actually the state of our world today. Then I started thinking a little closer to home. Maybe I wasn't so different from the people that I was gawking about on TV. The worst people on TV were only a few shades of grey away from me... and it really freaked me out. I realized that I had a history no one out there knew about. You know, a history in my mind that was pretty different from the censored version I show people with my actions. But the beauty of the Lord is that He has freed us from being slaves to our past... freedom comes when Jesus enters. Burdens that have hurt for so long, no longer sting. And even though we still fall, the simple act of reaching for Grace when everything says that it shouldn't be extended is an exercise of faith that will stretch our doubts, making them so thin that they have no power. Blessings on your new season... may it begin today.

Somebody's speaking but I can't hear a sound
It's spinning all around and this noise is so deafening
Opening eyes to find this isn't a dream
Everything on TV is real life it's all happening
Look in my heart to find the worst that I've seen
Still bears resemblance to me though I try
It's so hard to breathe when we're swimming in catastrophe
It's so hard to see

So will You come to me and *change my history*
When You speak my name everything is changing
Cause every burden I bring feels like it's missing it's sting
When I'm with You it's like a new season of life
It's like a new season of life
It's like a new season of life

Open my soul and then You might see the truth
That I'm still too scared to move cause fear is paralyzing me

Still all this *reaching is stretching my doubts*
I'm growing closer without my pride
And it's so hard to see

Will You come to me and change my history
When You speak my name everything is changing
Cause every burden I bring feels like it's missing it's sting
When *I'm with You* it's like a new season of life
It's like a new season of life
It's like a new season of life

Come to me and change my history.....

Come to me and change my history
When You speak my name everything is changing
Cause every burden I bring feels like it's missing it's sting
When I'm with You it's like a new season of life
It's like a new season of life
It's like a new season of life

CONSTANT

Words & Music by Jason Roy, Jesse Garcia, Michael Anderson, Scotty Beshears

This song was a band co-write that went through several different phases. It really didn't come together completely until we got to the studio. The one thing that we always loved was the chorus. On the third day of tracking, I was driving to the studio when something hit me for a verse, so I flipped open my phone and sang it. When I got to the studio I turned it on speaker phone and showed Brown. His eyes lit up, and the song went from a "maybe" to a "definite" on the record!!

I can't live without You
I can't live without You
I can't live....

The light has gone and darkness has covered me
The moon is hidden and my eyes don't see
Still follow, still I follow
Beautiful is love revealed to me
Through the depths of my disparity
Even when I'm shattering I know that
You've got me, yeah You've got me
When everything else is changing *You are constant*
Lifting my eyes to see far beyond this misery

I am consumed with You, I can't live without You
Breathe without You
I must confess to You, that I can't live without You
Breathe without Your love

Perfectly ordained and formed with love
My heart has been designed for Your touch
So I will follow, I will follow
Stunning is your glory revealing
The hope that lives deep inside of me

And I know that You have captured me
You've got me, yeah You've got me
When everything else is changing *You are constant*
Lifting my eyes to see far beyond this misery

I am consumed with You, I can't live without You
Breathe without You
I must confess to You that I can't live without You
Breathe without You
I am consumed with You, I can't live without You
Breathe without You
I must confess to You that I can't live without You
Breathe without Your love

I can't live without You...

I am consumed with You, I can't live without You
Breathe without You
I must confess to You that I can't live without You
Breathe without You
I am consumed with You, I can't live without You
Breathe without You
I must confess to You that I can't live without You
Breathe without Your love

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GRACE THAT IS GREATER

Arranged by Jason Roy and Matt Blair

Early last winter, we were told that we had been selected to be part of the *WOW '07 Hymns* project. Of course, we were thrilled for several reasons. One, because any time you are selected to be on a *WOW* record you find yourself among an elite group of artists, all of which we are huge fans. Two, because hymns have always been a huge part of our lives. From northeast Texas to Coastal Carolina, we have grown up immersed in the tradition of hymns that move the soul. By far, the coolest part was being able to write new verses and melodies for an old favorite hymn. After hearing the finished product, we all felt very strongly that it should be included on a Building 429 project as well. While it seems a bit different from the others songs on this record, we hoped it would serve as a great “destination” for the listener, reminding us all of home.

Search me oh God and know my every thought
Discern my every way, and speak into my soul
Point out to me my wrongs, convict me until
I follow down the path that leads me to your will
Cause my heart sometimes can wonder
And my faith at times can stray
But I know that when I fix my eyes on you
That I will always remain
Safe in the shadows of your grace

Chorus

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all my sin!

I praise you because I'm fearfully made
You formed my frame in the secret place
All of my days ordained before I breathed
Written in your book before I came to be
Because your love I stand in wonder
In awe I come to thee
Knowing that when I fix my eyes on you
I will always remain
Safe in the shadows of your grace

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