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## CrossRoad song discussions

# Walking With the King

Rock of Ages revisited album

Track 4

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The title song of our 3rd album, this has always been a favourite of ours to play, and a favourite at the churches we've visited! Written in 2014, it's a celebration of the joy that we find when turning from our old life and embracing the new life in Jesus.

### Verse 1

- "Well I used to live my life filled with worry and strife every day"
  - What sort of worry and strife are you facing at the moment?
  - How does Jesus bring peace to a place of worry and strife?
  - Read Philippians 4:6-7. What role does prayer play in your search for peace?
  - Read Matthew 6:24-34. Does it feel like Jesus *knows your heart*? He understood that we all worry about these same things. And he had a solution.
  
- "Well I used to walk around with my lip on the ground all the time"
  - Did you "walk around with your lip on the ground" at any point during the past week? What made you downcast?
  - Paul says he is "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing" (2 Cor 6:10). What did he mean? Talk about the balance between sorrow and joy in the Christian life.
  - Is there a difference between what Paul calls "godly sorrow" in 2 Cor 7, and a gloomy, pessimistic countenance? How can we avoid a negative, gloomy faith?
  
- "I had nothing left to pay my dues, no way to chase away my blues"
  - How do you "chase away your blues"?
  - Is there a difference between the way believers and unbelievers "chase away their blues"?
  - Could it be that Jesus himself is the best way to chase away our blues? Read John 17:13. How does Jesus give us "the full measure of joy"?

### Verse 2

- "Well I used to always aim for fortune and fame and for glory"
  - What do you *aim* for in your life? What are your dreams and goals and ambitions?
  - Do you, or did you ever, search for fortune and fame? Do you think it would have fulfilled you?
  
- "Well I used to spend my days in a selfish haze all alone"
  - Have you ever lived in a "selfish haze"?
  - Think of the parable of the lost son (Luke 15). Both brothers were living in a "selfish haze". Which brother do you relate to - the younger brother, whose selfishness took on a hedonistic, pleasure-seeking form; or the older brother, whose selfishness was a hard hearted pride?
  
- "'Til the day that I found grace, and I walked into a holy place"

- When did you “find grace”? Do you perhaps feel as if grace *found* you?

### **Chorus**

- “Now I’m walking with the King, yeah I’m walking with the King”
  - This is where the song changes, from being focused on the *old* way of living, to the *new* journey with Jesus.
  - Read Colossians 3:4-16. Notice how Paul contrasts the *old life*, which was filled with sin and selfishness, to the *new life in Christ*, filled with holiness and love.
  - How has walking with Jesus changed your life? In what ways has your lifestyle changed since you got to know Him? *Why* did these parts of your life change?
  - How do we *actively* walk with the King every day? Is it something that just happens, or are there things we can do to get close to him?
  - Jesus is many things to us - saviour, friend, redeemer etc. But do you know Jesus as *King*?
- “He’s the reason I dance, He’s the reason I sing”
  - What makes you dance? What makes you sing?
  - Read Exodus 15:20-21. Has God given you a reason to dance and sing?
  - How easy/difficult do you find it to dance or sing during corporate worship? Do you get self-conscious? *Why* or *why not*?
  - The Psalms are full of calls to sing and dance before the Lord. Try doing this in your personal devotional time with God - it is a wonderful form of expression that can be very freeing!
- “If you wanna rock ‘n’ roll, and find rest for your soul”
  - We’ve come under fire for this line before, because of the words “rock ‘n’ roll”. What images does the term bring to your mind? Does “rock ‘n’ roll” symbolize drugs, sex and evil music? Or is it simply a *style of music*?
  - Darrell Mansfield, a Christian musician from the USA said this: “rock n roll didn’t start in the 50’s with Elvis Presley and Little Richie. It started 2000 years ago - when Jesus lit up that tomb and he said to the rock that sealed that tomb ‘rock I want you to roll!’ And it’s been rolling ever since!”
  - True rock ‘n’ roll, to me, is about a life filled with joy and fulfillment. And these things don’t come with sex, drugs and music. True joy comes from Jesus - He alone can give you that sense of fulfillment.
  - Read Matthew 11:28-29. Jesus says that *He* gives rest to the soul. When last did you *rest* in Jesus?
- “Then lay down your everything and come walking with King”
  - Read 1 John 3:16. What does it mean for us to *lay down* our lives for our brothers and sisters?
  - Read Matthew 16:24-25. How do we lay down our lives in order to keep them?

### **Verse 3**

- “Well some people try to say that I gave it away all for nothing”
  - Has anyone ever challenged your faith this way? For some of us, friends, relatives or co-workers can ridicule our faith. For others, doubts come from social media and the entertainment world. Have you ever doubted your faith and started to believe that you “gave it away all for nothing?”
- “They say it’s all in vain and that I’ll fall down again and give in”

- When you came to Christ, did people ever say that it's "just a phase", and that you'd be back to normal soon?
- Have you ever doubted or ridiculed someone else when *they* find something new that excites them?
- In Matthew 13, Jesus tells the parable of the sower. What sort of things cause us to "fall away" from the faith, according to Jesus in this parable? (see 13:20-22)
- "But even if my life falls apart, I'll be seeking him with all of my heart"
  - This is one of those "easier said than done" lyrics that we sing in church!
  - Read 2 Cor 11:23-20. Do you know anyone whose life has "fallen apart" to the extent that Paul's did? How did they keep the faith? How did Paul?
  - How do you develop a type of faith that *hangs on* to God in even the darkest moments of pain and loss?
  - Read James 1:2-4. How do we "persevere" in times of trials?
  - Read Psalm 63:1-5. Do you get a sense of the *urgency* with which the writer is seeking God? Have you ever sought God with such earnestness? In what ways can you do so?

### Chorus 2 and 3

Listen to the song again, thinking about the words.

**Key focus: What main point are you going to take away from today?**

Spend some time in prayer and reflection:

- Thank God for saving you, and for the *new life* you have found in Christ.
- Thank you for his presence with you daily, and ask for a renewed sense of this presence in your journey.
- Pray for deeper joy in Christ, and a turning away from the self-serving, gloomy faith described in the first 2 verses.
- Ask for a deeper understanding of God as your *King*.
- Ask for more freedom when you worship, and less self-consciousness.
- Ask for strength for when people taunt and challenge your faith.
- Ask for strength to keep "seeking Him with all of your heart", even in the midst of life's struggles.
- Pray for each other's journey with the King, that you would each walk closely with him in the week to come.

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**CHORUS**