

# BROKEN THINGS - MATTHEW WEST



Matthew West is a four-time GRAMMY® nominee, a multiple-ASCAP Christian Music Songwriter/Artist of the Year winner and Dove Award recipient, and was awarded an American Music Award (2013), a Billboard Music Award (Top Christian Artist, 2014), a K-LOVE Fan Award (2016), and named Billboard's Hot Christian Songwriter of the Year (2016). West also received a Primetime Emmy® Award nomination for Original Music & Lyrics for "The Heart of Christmas" from the film of the same name. In addition to his own recording career, he has co-hosted the K-LOVE Fan Awards two times and has more than 130 songwriting credits to his name, including cuts by Rascal Flatts, Scotty McCreery, Casting Crowns, Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, and Mandisa, among others. Selling more than 1.6 million albums to date (TEA), West's discography includes

acclaimed releases: Live Forever (2015), GRAMMY-nominated Into The Light (2012), The Story of Your Life (2010), Something to Say (2008), History (2005) and Happy (2003). He will release a holiday album this season, titled Unto Us: A Christmas Collection.

Well known for communicating stories through song, Matthew West has received thousands of stories from around the world. His latest studio album, Live Forever, continues that storytelling theme and debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Christian Sales Chart. He has obtained numerous No. 1 singles, most recently with "Grace Wins," while achieving a record-setting No. 1 for 17 straight weeks at radio with "Hello, My Name Is" and "The Motions" for 15 weeks.

On the road year-round, he has headlined many of his own tours, such as the Live Forever Tour that ran through Fall 2015. He also co-headlined 2016's WinterJam Tour Spectacular, the No. 1 tour in the world, which he first joined in 2013. He joined the tour again this past November headlining WinterJam West Coast.

Adding author to his list of accolades, West has written four books to date: Give This Christmas Away, The Story Of Your Life, Forgiveness, and Today Is Day One. He will release his next book, Hello My Name Is, on April 18, 2017. He is also passionate about providing hope and healing through the power of prayer and story, so along with his father Pastor Joe West he founded popwe, a non-profit ministry helping others to craft, share, and live a more meaningful life.

Information from: <http://matthewwest.com/#bio>

## LYRICS

If grace is a kingdom  
I've stopped at the gate  
Thinking I don't deserve to pass through  
after all of the mistakes I've made  
But I heard a whisper  
As Heaven bent down  
Said, "Child, don't you know that the first will be last  
and the last get a crown?"

Now I'm just a beggar in the presence of a King  
I wish I could bring You so much more  
But if it's true You use broken things  
Then here I am Lord, I am all Yours

The pages of history they tell me it's true  
That it's never the perfect;  
it's always the ones with the scars that You use  
It's the rebels and the prodigals;  
it's the humble and the weak  
The misfit heroes You chose  
Tell me there's hope for sinners like me

Now I'm just a beggar in the presence of a King  
I wish I could bring You so much more  
But if it's true You use broken things  
Then here I am Lord, I am all Yours

Grace is a kingdom  
With gates open wide  
There's seat at the table just waiting for you  
So, come on inside

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## 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, New International Version (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.

1. What would you say the song is about?
2. What lines stuck out to you in the song? Anything you could relate to?
3. Have you ever felt like you're just not good enough to deserve God's love? Or like you wish there was something more you could bring to Him?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26. How does Paul start this paragraph? Why do you think he starts it this way? How does it make you feel?
5. How does verse 26 relate to the content of the song?
6. Read verses 27-28. What does Paul say here? What's the point?
7. Read verse 29. Why does Paul include this? What does it mean to you?
8. Verses 30-31 continue that topic. What do they say? Why are they important?
9. What encouragement can be found in the Scripture and the Song?
10. How do you plan on applying it?