

NEVER LET ME GO - FEARLESS BND



When Christy and Jeremy Johnson moved to Los Angeles 3.5 years ago to start a new church, the former youth pastors and worship artists known collectively as Worth Dying For gave up everything they knew to make one giant leap of faith.

"Fear had been something we'd both battled with our entire lives," Jeremy says, "and yet we felt called to the dreamers, to those crushed by their dreams, to those chasing their dreams, those with dead dreams... to people who had moved to LA from all over the world to pursue the arts, entertainment, education, entrepreneurship--to not just be a safe haven, but a dream factory, helping broken people dare to dream again."

Trying to come up with a name for the church that would encapsulate both its radical and positive foundation, the couple started digging around for inspiration. And then they saw it: "A scared world needs a fearless church." --A.W. Tozer.

And so the church-planting season began, migrating from seven different locations--nightclubs, studios and warehouses, at a bonfire on the beach, in a coffee shop, an old garage and eventually back to a nightclub. And as the dreamers came in droves to see this new church, what had been true in their Worth Dying For days was no less true in the City of Angels: when you give people their own words to sing to God, something that reflects what's happening in their lives right now, God does something explosive with it.

The stories behind the songs of Fearless BND--as the story of Fearless LA itself--reflect a move of God, not born of glitz and glam and achieving acclaim in a city full of stars, but born out of encounter with grace. "We're seeing so many people getting saved, finding new life and new birth in this place. Their world is being revolutionized, so they're writing from that struggle, fighting for the dreams in their hearts," says Jeremy, who has seen nightclub staff, security guards and club patrons encounter the truth of Jesus at Fearless LA.

"At the end of the day," he says of Fearless BND's mission, "it's the words that impact us. Where two or more agree around truth, it's truth shifts the atmosphere and opens hearts."

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LYRICS

Oh, now my heart is moved,
The way you carry me,
You've opened up my eyes,
And now I see the truth,
You carry me, carry me always, always
You carry me, carry me always, always

You carry me, I'm finding my destiny,
finding my destiny
You set me free, you're getting the best of me,
getting the best of me

You never let me go!
Go!

I know you'll lead me on,
I know you'll lead me on,
And we shall carry on, and we shall carry on
Carry on!

You carry me, I'm finding my destiny,
finding my destiny
You set me free, you're getting the best of me,
getting the best of me

You never let me go!
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Romans 8:31-29, New International Version (NIV)

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. What would you say the song is about?
2. If you look at the verses before verse 31, Paul is telling his audience about how our present sufferings don't compare with the promise of future glory. How does verse 31 support that concept?
3. Why does Paul remind us that God “did not spare his own Son” in verse 32? What does that mean for us?
4. Verses 33-34 use strong legal language. How would you explain it?
5. Read verse 35. What does Paul say will not be able to impact us? Why do you think he included those things?
6. Specifically, what will those things not be able to separate us from? Why is that important?
7. Verse 36 is an Old Testament quotation (Psalm 44:22). Why does Paul include it? How does it help make his point?
8. What about verse 37 serves to boost our confidence? Where do we get that confidence?
9. Read verses 38-39 (sound similar?). Why would Paul include this list in addition to the list found in verse 35? What is different about this list?
10. Knowing this, do you agree with the lyrics of the song?
11. How should this assurance change the way we live?