

RUN TO YOU - ALLAN SCOTT



Although Allan Scott had heard about God during his childhood and found solace in his growing passion for music, Allan fell into the destructive clutches of drug use, and eventually he was expelled from his middle school in Pennsylvania. Shortly after, he dropped out of school and ended up running from the police. "When I got into drugs and alcohol, I sold all of my musical equipment," Allan explained. As his life spiraled further out of control, his musical ambitions slipped away. At his lowest point, he found himself in Dallas, homeless and smoking crystal meth. In desperation, he cried out to God.

God's answer came in an unlikely form: an arrest. It was during his time in jail that Allan's life was radically changed. "It was my nineteenth day in jail, and I remember thinking - I don't have to live like this anymore. At the time I don't think that I even knew how desperate my situation was, but God answered my prayer for help. From that point forward, He gave me the desire to change. In

Psalms it says, 'I am close to the broken hearted, I save those who are crushed in spirit.' He set me free, forgave me, and gave me a new life."

As his heart and mind were transformed, Allan's dreams of playing music were awakened once again. "One day, while still in prison, I began to hear these songs in my head," Allan explained. He rapidly wrote lyric after lyric of the songs the Lord placed on his heart. When he was released from jail at age 22, Allan knew he had to pursue his newly reignited passion for music. As described in his testimony that was featured on CBN's The 700 Club, this encounter with Christ radically changed his life.

Allan began to lead worship at his local church and minister through music at youth and campus events. In 2006, he married Jana, a beautiful woman who also had been set free from a destructive lifestyle. Now, Allan is in a mission - one song, one service, and one concert at a time. That mission is to spread the message that we can approach God's throne boldly in our time of need without fear of judgment because of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. "My desire is to infuse as much as the message of God's grace as possible into our music so that when we write, we're actually saying something that will affect people," Allan stated.

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LYRICS

I am lost, a stranger in a distant land
Heavy heart and empty hands
Surrounded by my shame
Here I stand, How could I be called your son
All the foolish things that I've done
I've wasted all you gave

Oh you ran to me
Arms stretched wide
With a robe and ring
In the midst of my poverty
You came near to me
So I'm running boldly
I will run to you
With no fear like a child would do
I'll come near like you want me to
Cause you came near to me

Cleansing cross, You carried down the city streets
As heaven watched you thought of me
And gave your life away

Oh you ran to me
Arms stretched wide

Up on Calvary
In the midst of my poverty
You came near to me
So I'm running boldly

So I'm running boldly to the one who bled and died
Who gave his life is on my side
Whom shall condemn me
He is for me
He is made things right

I will run to you
With no fear like a child would do
I'll come near like you want me to
Cause you came near to me
So I'm running boldly to the throne of grace
Where I am free
And I stand amazed
For all my sin became a crimson stain
Because you came near to me, to me, to me

I'm running, oh, I'm running, oh,
I'm running, cause you came near to me,
cause you came near to me.

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Luke 15:11-24, New International Version (NIV)

¹¹ Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³ “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²² “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

1. What lines stuck out to you in the song? Anything you could relate to?
2. What would you say the song is about?
3. Read Luke 15:11-12. How does this parable begin? What’s happening?
4. What happens to the son in verses 13-16? What might this look like in a modern circumstance?
5. Read verses 17-19. What does the son decide to do?
6. What happens in verse 20? What do you notice about that verse that surprises you?
7. What is the son’s response in verse 21? Why does he say those things?
8. Have you ever felt that way?
9. What does the father do in 22-23? Why is that so amazing?
10. How does this passage tie in with the song? What are you going to do about it?
11. If you were the son in this story, what would your response be?