



## Message in the Music 3

First Baptist Student Ministry - Wednesday, June 28, 2017

(Lip sync intro, no sound) Let's kick it up a notch tonight, as we get to "hear" the heart of one of the newest and coolest Christian rapper, Andy Mineo:

### I. Learned From A Big Brother

#### a. Andy Mineo The Dude

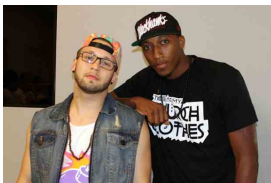
- i. Andrew Aaron "Andy" Mineo formerly C-Lite (pic)
- ii. Born on April 17, 1988 (age 29) - Syracuse, NY
- iii. Andy Mineo married Christina Delgado on August 23, 2014

#### b. Andy Mineo The Musician

- i. Some of his hits: "You Can't Stop Me", "Neverland", "Say I Won't" & "Background" (with Lecrae)
- ii. 4 self-produced albums
- iii. 3 with Reach Records (2011-present)
  1. Heroes for Sale (2013)
  2. Neverland (2014)
  3. Uncomfortable (2015)
- iv. Featured on albums with Tedashii, Sheena Lee, Fat Camp, Oxburg, and Lecrae
- v. Also a videographer = "In May 2012, Mineo launched a 4-episode web series entitled Saturday Morning Car-Tunez which featured him remixing classic hip-hop songs" (wikipedia.org)

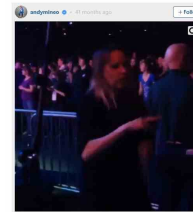
#### c. Andy Mineo The Little Brother

- i. You know him best because of Lecrae, who he admires and has been mentored by ... listen to this:



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cr6o39XgB0>

- ii. He really has grown a lot since his start in 2001
- d. Andy Mineo The Believer**
- i. Best part... "In the summer before entering the 8th grade, Mineo went to a Christian camp at which his sister worked as a counselor and was exposed to the Gospel and converted. However, after his conversion, Mineo went into high school with no Christian support, and he soon drifted away from his faith. While in high school, Mineo acquired recording equipment and started selling studio time out of his home" (Wikipedia.org)
  - ii. He is all about Jesus, thanks to his sister
  - iii. Speaking of his sister, Grace... (pic)



### II. Dedicated To A Big Sister

#### a. A Song Inspired By Grace

- i. I want to introduce you to one of my new favorites, not because of the lyrics or the beat, but because of the meaning and purpose behind it.
- ii. Listen to Andy talk about his new song "Hear My Heart" for his big sister...

Video = "Andy Mineo - Story of my sister (hear my heart)" (1:54)  
 Part of <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qF6v3pkFs-s>

- iii. She is deaf and he wrote this song for her...
- b. A Song Delivered With Grace**
- i. What is grace? = "elegance, style, poise"
  - ii. It all comes back to God's grace = "God's unmerited favor"... we didn't deserve His love:
    1. 1 Corinthians 15:10 = "But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me... God who was working through me by his grace." (NLT)
  - iii. By the grace of God you can hear tonight! Imagine not having any hearing ever, being born deaf. That's why this song was written.
  - iv. "LISTEN" closely to Hear My Heart...

Music Video = "Andy Mineo - Hear My Heart" (3:02)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZD0fhCFZjjI>

### III. Acting Like A Little Child

#### a. Have You Put Away Your Childish Ways?

- i. "It's not that I did something... it's the fact that I didn't"... "That was me as a child, I just pray you forgive me"
- ii. Ever think about how you acted as a kid? Still acting or talking those ways?

**1 Corinthians 13:11** = "When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things." (NLT)

- iii. We all have said dumb things... even recently, but it's time to grow up. Stop acting like a kid!

**b. Have You Tried Walking In Someone Else's Shoes?**

- i. Ask for a volunteer to switch shoes with me
- ii. Not literally "walked in their shoes"
  - 1. See life from their perspective
  - 2. Imagine what it would be like to be them
  - 3. This is called EMPATHY!
- iii. Jesus modeled it constantly ...

**Matthew 9:36** = "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." (NLT)

- iv. Should change how you act or speak to people!
- v. Like Andy says = "even though you were born deaf, I pray you forgive me for the years I was blind"
- vi. Let's grow up and act like Jesus!

**c. Have You Been Consistent With Your Words & Actions?**

- i. Andy says: Words aren't enough... "let me show ya" (more than words = actions)

**1 John 3:18** = "Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other, let us show the truth by our actions." (NLT)

- 1. Learned sign language to show his sister he loves her, didn't just say it.
- ii. Is there any contradiction between your words and your actions?
- iii. Are you talking out of "both sides of your mouth" (not literally)?
  - 1. Stop! Speak with integrity, not like a child!



(Tomato frog pic) Deep in the Costa Rican jungle lives the small tomato frog. Red in color like a tomato, he has a unique defense against predators. Once he's attacked, he emits a deadly, milky white poison all over his skin. As the attacking animal bites into a tomato frog, it tastes the poison and spits the frog out of its mouth.

Unfortunately, by the time the predator spits out the frog, the traumatized amphibian dies anyway.

Without question, the tomato frog's poison is effective. The only problem is—it's too late. It's utterly useless in protecting the tomato frog safe because it's activated after an attack and after the damage is done.

Believers in Jesus often suffer from the tomato frog's bane. We wait to pray and employ our spiritual defenses or offenses until after Satan has already attacked and caused damage in our lives. Only after making a bad decision, breaking a significant relationship, or committing a sin with long-term consequences do we call on the Lord for help. Of course, God can help us in times of trouble. Yet we do ourselves a favor to be in constant prayer and devotion so that the enemy is repelled before the damage is done.

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PHOTO: ANDY MINEO  
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**a. Have You Put Away Your \_\_\_\_\_ Ways?**

- 1 Corinthians 13:11

**b. Have You Tried Walking In \_\_\_\_\_ Shoes?**

- Matthew 9:36

**c. Have You Been Consistent With Your \_\_\_\_\_ And \_\_\_\_\_?**

- 1 John 3:18

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## Message in the Music 2

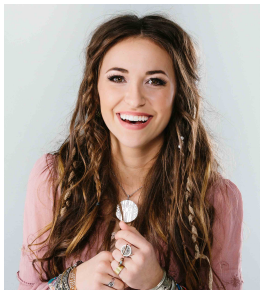
First Baptist Student Ministry - Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Tonight we continue our new Message in the Music series with one of my favorite new and upcoming female singers, someone who has an awesome voice and an awesome heart for God. Meet Lauren Daigle:

### I. Who Is This Young Lady?

#### a. Introducing Lauren Ashley Daigle

- i. Lauren Ashley Daigle (pic on screen)
- ii. Born in Louisiana in 1991 (age 25)
- iii. Worship leader at Northpoint Church in Atlanta
- iv. "Because she contracted a contagious disease while in high school, she completed two years of homeschooling / distance education. Lauren attended Louisiana State University, while still focusing on music" (Wikipedia.org).
- v. "She tried out for American Idol in 2010 and 2012 after her father encouraged her to compete in the singing competition. She was cut just before the final 24 contestants in 2010, did not make Hollywood in 2011, made it through the Hollywood round in 2012, but was cut in the first Las Vegas round in 2012" (Wikipedia.org).
- vi. Meet this gal and hear her heart...



**Video** = "Introducing Lauren Daigle" (2:51)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_UDktDkd5M8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_UDktDkd5M8)

### b. Introducing God First & Foremost

- i. Making God "the focal point of EVERYTHING"!
  1. Matthew 6:33 = "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." (NLT)
- ii. That's the name of one of her newest hits = "First" (seeking God first!)

### c. Introducing Some Good Music

- i. I remember downloading & listening to her whole CD in the car last year... every song, wow!
- ii. 2 CDs = "How Can It Be" (2015) & "Behold: A Christmas Collection" (2016)
- iii. Songs = "How Can It Be", "First", and "Trust In You"
- iv. 22 May 2017 – Franklin, Tenn – Centricity Music's Lauren Daigle took home two Billboard Music Awards last night. Named Billboard's Top Christian Artist (she was nominated last year in the same category) Daigle also won Top Christian Album for the second year in a row with How Can It Be. Daigle was also nominated for Top Christian Song ("Trust In You"). The Billboard Music Awards were held live in Las Vegas from the T-Mobile Arena and aired on ABC. (Laurendaigle.com)

## II. Who Is That Prodigal?

### a. We All Have Been The Prodigal

- i. You know the story ... the prodigal son... running away from the father (from God)
- ii. Luke 15:20 = "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him." (NLT)
- iii. This song was written for you:

**Video** = "Come Alive (Dry Bones) | Story Behind The Song | Lauren Daigle & Michael Farren" (3:31)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ih3ui9QkedQ>

### b. We All Have Felt Like A Pile Dry Bones

- i. Let God breathe new life into you tonight...
- ii. Imagine this scene:

**Ezekiel 37:4-10, 14** = "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord! 5 This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! 6 I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" 7 So I



spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. 8 Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.'" 10 So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army... I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken, and I have done what I said.  
Yes, the Lord has spoken!" (NLT)

### III. Who Needs This Breath of God?

#### a. Your Need For His Breath

- i. Ever had the wind knocked out of you? Scary! (Fall)
- ii. That's life when God isn't involved... we need Him!

#### b. Your Need To Speak Life

- i. If you know Jesus as your Lord & Savior, your life has meaning and purpose... don't you think others need purpose too?
- ii. Maybe you are like me sometimes, or this:



(Startfish pic) There was once a little boy who was walking along the beach and all of a sudden he came upon thousands of starfish that had washed up on the beach. The tide was going out, and for some strange reason, the starfish ended up stuck on the beach. They were all doomed because they couldn't survive being out of the water in the hot sun until the next high tide. The little boy realized this and frantically started picking up starfish and throwing them, one at a time, back into the water.

A man who was walking along the beach saw the boy doing this and he yelled at the boy, "Son, what in the world are you doing? Don't you know that there are thousands of starfish on this beach? And don't you know that this beach goes on for miles and miles? There is no way in the world you can save all those starfish!"

The little boy thought about that for a moment, then turned to the man, picked up a starfish and said, "Yeah, I know. But I can save this one." And he heaved it as far as he could into the ocean. **(Save the Starfish, Hot Illustrations 1.0)**

- iii. Don't be overwhelmed with the task of speaking life into others' lives... God will do that, just speak!
- iv. Think of a situation right now in your life or in the life of someone you know where things just seem dry.
- v. Let God breathe new life... be renewed!

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Learn more about Lauren Daigle at [LaurenDaigle.com](http://LaurenDaigle.com)



## Message in the Music 1

First Baptist Student Ministry - Wednesday, May 31, 2017

**Share "Count Them All" live acoustically.**

Welcome back to another summer of getting to know some awesome songs from some awesome musicians. More importantly, getting to know the messages of God's truth and love through these songs. We begin with a mellow but powerful song you just heard called "Count Them All" by JJ Weeks Band.

### I. Getting To Know The JJ Weeks Band

#### a. Meet The Men

- i. (pic) Lead vocalist and acoustic guitarist, Jason Clint "JJ" Weeks, drummer, Jon Poole, bass guitarist, David Hart, and guitarist, Cody Preston
- ii. JJ Weeks attended school in pursuit of a degree in youth ministry, where he ultimately felt called to step out in faith and continue a career in music full-time. In 2001 he took that step and started touring the southeast. In 2003 he pulled a band together for a special worship night at his local church and never looked back.
- iii. "It's been a crazy road of really great times and really hard times but God has always been faithful" Weeks says. "I pray that we will always be a vessel that God can count on to deliver whatever message He wants to deliver." (JJ Weeks)



#### b. Meet The Mission

- i. Why are these guys doing what they are doing?

**Video** = "JJ Weeks Band Interview - Part 1" (2:53)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLFVRWvDztk>

- ii. Hebrew 13:5 = "For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.'" (NLT)
- iii. They are all about going out to change lives for God's sake, with God always by their side!

#### c. Meet The Music

- i. Hits like "Is It Ever", "Let Them See You", "Do Not Be Afraid", "What Kind Of Love"
- ii. 2 studio albums (outside of independent releases):
  2. All Over the World (March 26, 2013)
  3. As Long as We Can Breathe (April 8, 2016)
- iii. I first met them live at the Student Pastor Retreat in Birmingham, AL last August... ministered to me and Summer in a special (intimate) way!

### II. Getting To Know Our Struggle

#### a. The Toughest Thing

- i. I cannot imagine a life where you are traveling constantly to make music. Hear their take...

**Video** = "JJ Weeks Band Interview - Part 2" (2:58)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Xdzdis4zKM>

- ii. Even if just one person is touched, "it is worth it" (he said)! Now that is sacrificing for Jesus!

#### b. What's Toughest For You?

- i. What's the hardest thing God is wanting you to do right now? Maybe not travel around singing songs for him, but what is He calling you to do?
  1. Give up a habit, end a relationship, change your attitude, change your language, seek someone's forgiveness, reach out to someone in need?
  2. It will be a sacrifice, but it is worth it!
  3. (sneeze!)

### III. Getting To Know His Blessing

#### a. "Bless You"

- i. A phrase we say rooted in superstition really (plagues of the first century, thought to be started by sneezing, people wishing "good health" on others)
- ii. "God bless you" or "Salud" (Spanish for "health") or "Gesundheit" (German for "health") or "Sláinte" (Irish Gaelic for "good health") or "Jeebo" (Bengali for "stay alive"). (gotquestions.org)



iii. However, the saying "God bless you" was used both by Hebrews (**Numbers 6:24**) and the early Christians as a benediction.

**b. Are You Blessed?**

i. First reaction = "no way" or "my life sucks cuz..."

**c. We Must Not Forget (Ever)!**

i. This passage which brought about the popular song "10,000 Reasons" includes this important statement:

**Psalm 103:2** = "I will praise the Lord.  
I won't forget anything he does for me." (NIRV)

- ii. JJ Weeks shared once about waking up on the bus and feeling down; "God, where are you?", then he recounted his blessing up to that point: comfy bed, bus to travel around in, good health, coffee, power for coffee maker, friends and family, etc...
- iii. Look around, don't miss your blessings. From my perspective, let me remind you of some spiritual blessings (from F.E. Marsh)...

- An acceptance that can never be questioned. (Ephesians 1:6).
- An inheritance that can never be lost (I Peter 1:3-5).
- A deliverance that can never be excelled (2 Corinthians 1:10).
- A grace that can never be limited (2 Corinthians 12:9).
- A hope that can never be disappointed. (Hebrews 6:18, 19).
- A bounty that can never be withdrawn. (I Colossians 3:21-23).
- A joy that need never be diminished (John 15:11).
- A nearness to God that can never be reversed (Ephesians 2:13).
- A peace that can never be disturbed (John 14:27).
- A righteousness that can never be tarnished (2 Cor. 5:21).
- A salvation that can never be canceled (Hebrews 5:9).

One morning R.C. Chapman, a dev out Christian, was asked how he was feeling. "I'm burdened this morning!" was his reply. But his happy countenance contradicted his words. So the questioner exclaimed in surprise, "Are you really burdened, Mr. Chapman?" "Yes, but it's a wonderful burden--it's an overabundance of blessings for which I cannot find enough time or words to express my gratitude!" Seeing the puzzled look on the face of his friend, Chapman added with a smile, "I am referring to Psalm 68:19, which fully describes my condition. In that verse the Father in heaven reminds us that He 'daily loads us with benefits.'" (**Source unknown, sermonillustrations.com**)

"Praise the Lord; praise God our savior!  
For each day he carries us in his arms." (Psalm 68:19, NLT)

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- Numbers 6:24

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