

TOP 5 CHRISTIAN INSPIRATIONAL Artists



#5

Francesca Battistelli



Francesca Battistelli is a very inspirational artist because she puts her own life experiences into a song, a "Beautiful Beautiful" song.

I haven't heard any of her new songs except for "Strangely Dim" I own her first album "My Paper Heart". Francesca really knows how to get the messages in her songs to sink in, while you want to dance and sing along. I love her songs "Strangely Dim", "Time in Between", "Behind The Scenes", and "Unpredictable. But really all of her songs are great.

This song reminds me that my plan for my life may not be Gods plan for my life. I have doubts about my faith sometimes; as things get tough I turn away from God when I should be getting closer to Him. "But when I fix my eyes on all that your are then every doubt I feel deep in my heart grows strangely dim"



Ever since I was young I was taught the meaning of Christmas and that Jesus died on the cross for my sins. I never really knew the stories in between, but once I did learn them I forgot them. They aren't really important to other yet they are important to the Bible. The "Time In Between" (in the bible) really helps to understand.

Have you ever told anyone your biggest secret? good or bad? Very few people do and that's why we shouldn't judge because we don't know what's going on "Behind the Scenes". Have you ever noticed that God can change people in a day? that's one thing that makes Him "Unpredictable".

Her songs just inspire me, but not as much as some of the others that's why she's #5

#4

Rend Collective Experiment

Rend Collective Experiment ain't from around here, North Ireland to be exact. They just have this folkness that's hard to find, it's like you know that they love what they do and that they have this sense of family with each other.

The truth is that I haven't listened to a lot of their songs, but from what I heard when they opened for Tenth Avenue North, they're incredible and I fell in love with the band.

I fell in love with the band after they played "Build Your Kingdom Here" other great songs are "Second Chance" and "Come On (My Soul)"

In "Build Your Kingdom Here" it talks about how we want God here, that we want to prove others wrong, and that we want to know that our faith wasn't in vain. That's what I took; it may not be the same thing as what you took because in this song there are a lot of messages.



"Second Chance" Is slower at the beginning for the normal Rend Collective Experiment, but it's such a beautiful song. The entire song explains it's self, but isn't this true: That no matter how much we mess up in this world, but because we have Christ in our hearts (And Jesus died on the cross) that our second chance is heaven.

"Come On (My Soul)" Is really just a foot stomping, hand clapping, get up and dance song. As there isn't much lyrics besides "come on" and "come on my soul" each person can take a different message.

Rend Collective Experiment has opened a door with God in me and I hope it has for you. I love Rend Collective Experiment, but I haven't heard a lot of their songs so I can only put them as #4

#3

DownHere



DownHere... no don't look down here it's the band name... wait look down here and read the rest, (a little confusing right?) DownHere did an amazing job at inspiring hearts of all ages I should know... I was one of them.

I loved DownHere, but not just because they were a Canadian band, there was more to the band than that. I wasn't sure of putting DownHere in my top five because their no longer a band, they parted on good terms in 2011. They said that God was leading them into another direction.

My favorite album of theirs is "Ending is beginning" I also love songs that aren't on that album like "Your not alone" and "Let Me Rediscover You". It's hard to find my top three songs of this band...but I would have to say "How Many Kings", "Hope Is Rising" and "Cathedral Made of People".

"How Many Kings" Is such a beautiful song as it speaks the truth. "How many kings stepped down from their thrones? how many lords have abandoned their homes? how many greats have become the least for me? and how many Gods have poured out their hearts to romance a world that is torn all apart? how many fathers gave up their sons for me... only one did that for me" To quote "How Many Kings" God did all of that, he's that only one.

"Hope Is Rising" is just a helpful and uplifting song. It tells me that even though the sun maybe set and it's dark soon the sun will rise, and heaven will come. Heaven is our hope; it gives us hope that even though we struggle and fight, there is a place of peace and rest that we will find in time.

"Cathedral Made Of People" Is a song that reminds me that there are places where you cannot be a Christian, "When they throw you in prison, what will you do? when they hate you for the things that you know are true" (to quote "Cathedral Made Of People") That reminds me of the story of Paul, when he was thrown in prison (because he was Christian) yet he still wrote letters of love and compassion to the people who threw him in there.

Once again DownHere you changed my heart, I hope that your following Gods plan.



Tenth Avenue North takes home silver on my list... for being just plain awesome! but really in the songs they sing, who they are, and the words they speak, are all very inspiring. God has blessed these guys and you know that they will keep on getting better and better.

Tenth Avenue North is very close to TobyMac in inspiration to me. I went to their "The Struggle" tour concert that was in Ottawa that came on April 5 2013, but not only are their songs inspirational they are to! in the stories they tell, and how they speak about God in ways that I could only imagine to.

My favorite songs by Tenth Avenue North are "Worn", "By your side", and "You Are More"

I feel worn a lot of the time, and I have made mistakes that I can't undo- we all have. I always forget to look to God. My prayers turn to complaints, my hope fails, but I need to remember that God heals and forgives. This song taught me and reminds me of that.

I feel like I need to earn God's grace, and that I need to earn his love sometimes. I keep looking and I can't see him in front of me, but no matter how blind I get he's there and he will heal me in time I just have to trust him. "I'll be by your side where ever you fall, in the dead of night when ever you call and please don't fight these hands that are holding you... my hands are holding you" To quote "By Your Side".

People been fond of me, it's just been based on what they learned in a minuet... I suck at first impressions; I always make mistakes. "well she tries to believe it, that she's been given new life, but she can't shake the feeling that it's not true tonight" To quote "You Are More" That's how I feel, I wimp out, I have many fears, and I get consumed with regret. My life isn't about my will, it's about Gods will and letting Him work through me, to bring people to Him, and help the Christians who are struggling with their faith. God doesn't care about your mistakes, he doesn't care how many times you stop believing as long as you are not to proud to ask for forgiveness, are you to proud? In the end do you truly believe? from you heart?

I have a few sayings in life like, "When everything's perfect something's wrong" and "The stronger you are the more hurt you are". Those sound not very good to a person that can't understand God (A.K.A us humans) because the devil likes to use the right things at the wrong times, to get us into sin. Think about your role models and see how strong they are, how did they get that way? I have gotten stronger in ways, but it was through hurt.

Not only is this band great, they themselves are full of inspiration.

God really speaks through this band, as they are being carried and protected by the Holy Spirit. That's why they are #2

#1 TobyMac!



TobyMac takes home gold on my list! for what he has done in the past and for what he can do in the future. With each new song brings new lessons and new inspiration.

TobyMac (Toby Mckeehan) and his family are inspirational, as some of them sing. He has a wife Amanda and five kids Truett, Moses, Marlee, Leo, and Judah. Truett has done about one song per album with the artist name "Trudog" Judah has recently been featured in two songs with Truett. These two are comical with songs like "Mac Daddy", but Truett has a great voice.

Enough about his past let's get onto why I chose him for the #1 spot.

Every time he releases a new album there is always some inspiration, it's different for every person. He has a range from slow and passionate singing to fast rap in his songs. In his album "Tonight" the song that stood out the most was "City On Our Knees" because it challenged people to change. "If you gotta' start somewhere why not here? If you gotta' start sometime why not now?" "Tonight could last forever we are one choice from together Family, we're family" Those are some of the lyrics to "City On our Knees" it makes people want to change how they see the world in a positive way.

In his newest album "Eye On It" the song he is most known for is "Steal My Show" and then "Me Without You" but those aren't just the songs that are inspiring almost the entire album is... in "family" it's trying to get people to say 'yes it's a fight, but love is worth it and it's never too late to give up on family.'

"Made For Me", "Forgiveness", and "Eye On It" really stood out to me. "Made For Me" Talks about how much he and his wife are different, but in the end she's a gift from God to him and that God made them for each other. Most songs about love and marriage stand out to a girl and this one has for me knowing that God has a man waiting for me that he created for me... I can't really describe it, but it's awesome!

"Forgiveness" stood out to me and inspired me to change that I have always done the blaming, but I haven't truly forgave. "You can go play it like your all rock and roll but guilt does a job on each and every mans soul" isn't that true? I try and live by the rule: Forgive and Forget, but I never seem to forget because the guilt seemed to have a place in my heart and seems to know what really knocks me down. Truly "Nothings sweeter then the day we find forgiveness" To quote "Forgiveness" by Tobymac.

"Eye On It" ... the title explains it's self really, even though there are trials we still have our eye on it to what God has in store for us. The song is upbeat it's quite the dancing song.

All in all Tobymac is quite the Christian artist he's my favorite because his songs speak to me and they cheer me up with the upbeat music.

Other Great Songs That Just Didn't Make the List!

10,000 Reasons Matt Redman	Every Good thing The Afters
Words Hawk Nelson	Hello My Name Is Mathew West
Carry Me Josh Wilson	Light Up The Sky The Afters
You Are I Am MercyMe	Lift Me Up The Afters
Already There Casting Crowns	City Of God Love & The Outcome
You Are Colton Dixon	Need You Now (How Many Times) Plumb
Never Gone Colton Dixon	Redeemed Big Daddy Weave
Noise Colton Dixon	Gold Britt Nicole
Remind Me Who I Am Jason Grey	Middle Of You Heart For King & Country
Bloom Moriah Peters	Good To Be Alive Jason Grey
Well Done Moriah Peters	My Jesus Todd Agnew
Help Me Find It Sidewalk Prophets	We Won't Be Shaken Building 429

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