

Story Behind the Song

Grant June "When I Hear You Speak"



Last year I was very fortunate to be invited to Nashville where upcoming songwriters met with music industry professionals. Each day there was also a songwriting session with a pro writer as well as a one-on-one listening session with a top Christian music publisher. It was an amazing weekend of meeting wonderful people and everything I learned was absolutely invaluable. Although the publishers seemed to genuinely enjoy my songs, they felt they didn't quite fit any of their current artist's styles or needs. I should have been prepared as I'd been told numerous times that writers are told "no" 99 times out of 100. Yet it still was difficult to hear. Later that night in my hotel room, feeling discouraged, I found myself praying "Lord, I want to be where YOU want me to be" ...and I realized this is not about me, and it helped bring an understanding of the bigger picture. The next day, [Pamella Bowen](#) and I had a writing session with pro writer [Chad Cates](#). We discussed how we feel called to share our faith, but it can also be a struggle at times. Chad sighed and then said "I'm fortunate that I get to do this for a living, but that feeling occurs every...single...day." We then wrote this song. The verses talk about not feeling good enough and "giving up", but shares the hope of God's promise in the chorus: "Jesus, there is peace, when I hear You speak."

My hope is that all will be encouraged to continue listening for His "still small voice", and to not be afraid to go where they are called.

Peace, blessings and love –

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