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I'M ONLY JESUS

Fellow Pilgrims:

Do you ever think about how a loving God feels as He watches all of us in our daily lives? Does God grieve when we walk alone instead of inviting God into our hearts and lives? These questions and others like them burned into my soul when I heard Tim McGraw (*Southern Voice* album) sing *I'm only Jesus*. Please prayerfully consider the words to this song. Are you a Bobby, Billy, Billy's wife, Johnny, or Betty?

“Bobby's got a duster '79
Bottle of Jack and a 45
Points it at his head
And he starts to cry,
Too proud to ask me to save his life

Billy's in a limo
On the Upper East Side
Playing Russian Roulette
With the long white line
His wife gets a call at 3 am
Saying Billy ain't never coming home again

She asks me why?

And I said,
I sure wish you'd believe
That everybody's free
And I'll help you if you ask me to,
I gave every star a name
The sunshine and the rain
But I can't decide the road you choose
That's up to you
I'm only Jesus

Johnny had a good job
Rakin' it in
Caviar parties
With his well-to-do friends
Something was missing
From his perfect little life
He threw in the towel
And he called me one night

Betty was an orphan

Like so many kids
They taught her in school
That I didn't exist
She had every reason not to talk to me
But every night before bed
She got down on her knees
Just to tell me hi

And I said,
I'm sure glad you believe
Cause everybody's free
And I'll help you if you ask me to,
I gave every star a name
The sun shine and the rain
But I can't decide the road you choose
That's up to you
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Hey you're all the same to me
Everybody's free
And I'll help you if you ask me to,
I gave every star a name
The sunshine and the rain
But I can't decide the road you choose
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Gotta have Jesus to see the light
Gotta have Jesus to hold you tight
Gotta have Jesus to talk to me
I gotta have Jesus to set me free"

Will you let Jesus show you the light or hold you tight? Do you talk to Jesus? Do you have Jesus to set you free? All you have to do is invite Jesus into your life and heart. Your body, mind, soul, and spirit will be transformed. Jesus is right there waiting. "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me." (Rev 3: 20) God must be invited in. God offers grace, but we need to say, "yes," to this grace and accept it. This is salvation: our acceptance of God's grace. Amen.

In Christ's love,
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