

Mp3 Shelly Wilson - In The Midst



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Shelly Wilson's music is a powerful statement of the freedom available in Christ. With a soulful country sound, her music lifts and encourages the listener. 10 MP3 Songs GOSPEL: Country Gospel, GOSPEL: Contemporary Gospel Details: Dear Special One, Growing up with big dreams was all this ordinary girl could think about. Spending most Saturday nights behind a shut bedroom door singing into an old Coke bottle to Barbara Mandrell and the Mandrell Sister's was a regular occurrence. It would infuriate me to hear my family clapping outside the door and interrupting my own personal moment. Growing up in a local church I suffered terrible stage fright to the point that when my mouth opened, NOTHING came out. But, oh, how I wanted to sing. For as long as I can remember, this was my heart's desire. High School was over, graduate degree obtained, a great job, fabulous husband and daughter and then 10 years went by before we were blessed with our precious baby boy. A joyous moment clouded by the death of my Meme, which broke my heart completely. I can't even write this without tears again. Thinking I was holding up pretty well, four months later my world stopped. I began having difficulty breathing, fatigue, and really weird moments of unusual feelings. One day I just couldn't get out of bed. I had no strength left. Several physicians later there were no answers except anxiety, panic attacks and soon came depression from the lack of findings. From days of not being able to function to nights of complete insomnia I was exhausted. All the medications intensified the symptoms and I began having horrible nightmares. Fear consumed my every moment. I could not make decisions anymore and I was totally not myself. At this point I had no longer been singing. I was desperate for help and I went back to church. Then, out of nowhere, every sermon I heard was about using the gifts God gave you. What I did not realize was that if you hold back from glorifying him with those gifts, it was disobedient. I pretty much blew that off quickly until sermons outside of my home church rang the same message. The conviction became

overwhelming so I let the Music Director know I was ready to sing in church. "Love Lifted Me" would be my choice. The odd thing is after I said that The Cherry Family (evangelists visiting us for revival) got up and sang "Love Lifted Me.! Coincidence? Don't think so! This is where God began to reveal his plan for me more aggressively. I grew up saved at an early age but NEVER had or understood that I could have a "personal relationship" with Jesus Christ. I never knew I could converse with Him as I do my friends and, that I could tell Him all my fears, worries, and deep dark secrets. (He knew them anyway) He didn't care; he loved me the way I was. Let me share another example of God's little nudges with me. One night my daughter and I stayed up late watching a special on the TBN network. They were having a gospel night. I began to pray, "Lord, if you want me to do "that" I need you to tell me (and subtly doesn't work with me by the way). The next artist announced was Yolanda Adams and the song she sang was "Never Give Up." Talk about a moment of realization. Jesus not only heard my private prayer but he answered it quite loudly, leaving no room for doubt. Shortly after this I began to pray "Lord, people around me think I am crazy for stirring up this dream again, if this is what you want me to do, please confirm it with a letter or something where I know it's you speaking to me." That week I unexpectedly grabbed a book on my way out of the Christian bookstore. This trip was unplanned and only took place because my daughter asked if I would take her to get her own bible study. The book I grabbed was entitled "The Dream Giver" by Bruce Wilkinson. This was a Major night of reading with tears at every turned page. Let me share that every part of this book resembled my life, my struggles, and my feelings on my dreams. The last page said this, "Dear Ordinary (Shelly) I am giving you back your dream, now you are to use it for me...The Dream Giver (God). God didn't send me a letter, He sent me an entire book!!!!!! You see, God often takes an ordinary person to accomplish great things for Him. Are you ordinary too? My last two years have been full of trials, doubts, and very unusual moments. But, oh, what I was missing. The album was God's plan, and trust me; He put it all together from beginning to end. The song "In the Midst"-which became the Album title- I wrote during a prayer walk. Maybe you should know I don't read music, write music, or play an instrument. Every word, every melody, was in my head when I finished the walk-- delivered by God Himself. Anxiety and panic attacks were how God got my attention. I am a little (for those of you who actually know me you will say a WHOLE lot) obsessive-compulsive in nature, which at times is overwhelming. Funny thought, God must have known one day that He would use that trait for His advantage. After all, He did create my passions, my characteristics, and me. Many times we must be

broken in order to serve Him, for it is in our desperate times that we turn to our Savior with humility. I will not tell you life is always easy now, as I still struggle, but the difference is I have hope in Jesus. I live for Him now and I sing for Him now. He fills me with joy and gives me a purpose. One of my favorite scriptures is Proverbs 3:5-6 " Trust in the Lord with all your heart and not your own judgments, always let Him lead you and He will clear a path for you to follow." Trust me!---I am an unworthy sinner saved only by His grace. I am an insecure individual with many blessings I do not deserve. But several things for you to keep in mind that I have learned through my personal trials are these: "He will never leave you comfortless, he will come to you."(John 14:18) and "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13). You can know Him as I have come to know Him, but you must seek Him. Do not rely on everyone else when it comes to learning about our Lord! Open your Bible and read about Him yourself. That is where you will find all He has for you. He will reveal miraculous things about Himself to you. He is one big adventure. He is an absolute blast and has a fantastic sense of humor. He is REAL!! Pray faithfully and honestly and He will show you amazing things. If you do not know Jesus, or have turned away in disbelief, I pray you will seek the truth. The death Jesus endured on the cross was a debt he paid for us all, not just a chosen few. You may think you have done too much wrong. Listen, Jesus was the only perfect One in the entire world. You can't work or buy your way into heaven, and no amount of good deeds will get you there, if you do not accept Jesus as your personal Savior. My friends----it is so very simple. Faith alone in Christ alone is all he asks, so repent of your sins and accept the free gift he has given you. Giving up the sinful nature is not a means to salvation; it is a result of salvation. Do not let anyone mislead you: Jesus takes you just as you are and He will help you change. I hope this has been encouraging for you. If He can change my life, He can also change yours. My contact information is on this brochure. I am happy to pray with you or spend time with you to talk about Jesus and my experiences. Do not let another day pass without knowing the One who gave His life for YOU! Love, Shelly " For I cannot help but speak what I have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

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