

BEHIND THE WORSHIP – Kari Jobe

Kari Jobe: Changing the Atmosphere



Kari Jobe doesn't just have a soft speaking voice and gentle demeanor. The 29-year-old worship leader is also blessed with the singing voice of an angel. And it's the combination of these qualities that often allows her to help people lower their guard, release their burdens and truly worship God.

"When David played before Saul it caused the tormenting spirits to leave. I've always loved that," Jobe says. "When you ask the Lord to come, He does come and it changes the atmosphere. That's how it was for me. That's what worship is for me."

Not that Jobe is any different from the rest of us. She finds it difficult at times to fully lay down her burdens before the Lord, and sometimes those experiences become songs—as in the case of "You Are For Me," which she wrote while in an anxious "season of waiting."

"I felt like I could see some things that God had promised through a chain-link fence, but I couldn't get to them yet. God was teaching me that His timing is perfect," Jobe recalls before quoting Psalm 27:14: "'Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart.'"