

BEHIND THE WORSHIP – Leeland Mooring

Leeland Mooring: Worship in a Lincoln Town Car



Leeland Mooring, frontman for the band Leeland, is only 22, but he's already preparing for the day when he no longer performs before big crowds and receives the attention that follows. Maybe that's because his second home was once his family's Lincoln Town Car. His parents had a band, Majestic Praise, and traveled with two evangelists, conducting revivals around the country.

"We did that for 2-1/2 years. I was 11, my brother was 13, and my sister was 9," Mooring says. "We weren't sure whether we'd be able to pay the bills, and it was then as kids that we began to see the sufficiency of God, the power of God."

Mooring's parents eventually started a church in Baytown, Texas, with Leeland as the unofficial youth-group worship leader. These days his band has the ability to make a leap into mainstream pop music, but Mooring says of the group: "Ultimately (praise and worship) is what comes out of us." And as for all the attention? He could live without it. "If all this was taken away, I could go back to Baytown and continue to pursue God's purpose in my life."