

Christian Teen Wows ‘American Idol’ With Powerful Song About God and Sin

A Christian teenager who auditioned for “American Idol” recently advanced in the competition after singing a powerful song about God, sin, and truth.

Jennifer Jeffries, a 17-year-old from Starkville, Mississippi, belted out the ballad while playing her guitar, leaving show judges Katy Perry, Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan in awe.

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Before the high school senior’s performance of her touching original song “Change My Ways”—a tune that put biblical truth in the spotlight—the teen spoke in an interview about the types of messages and songs she likes to perform.

“The songs I write, they’re about personal things—the things I’ve been through,” Jeffries said. “I write things that people can connect with them and know they’re not alone. A lot happens in life, a lot of pain but a lot of joy.”

These themes are captured in “Change My Ways,” with the singer talking about her Bible and struggles to stay on the straight and narrow.

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“I have been feeding flesh,” Jefferies sang. “I have been living in sin. My mouth’s been running wild, and I’ve been acting like a wild child.”

She added, "Make Your ways my ways."

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