

How Her Father's Encouragement Moved This Singer-Songwriter Into a Hollywood Career at 17

Singer-songwriter Heather Evans is a Christ-follower and the creative talent behind a number of songs for television and film. At only 17, she had songs featured on MTV and Nickelodeon and continues her professional success today.

On a recent episode of the *Booth to Ballot* podcast on the Charisma Podcast Network, Evans shares the story of her start in the industry. "That story started back when I was 15 years old. I had always been writing poetry and things, and I think I picked up the guitar when I was like 13 years old, and I started writing music from my poetry that I was writing in these little journals. And I just started kind of writing what was in my heart," she tells host Daniella Gibbons.

But at 15 years old, Evans' father did something amazing. "He bought me studio time at this studio in town ... and he believed in my dream, and he was like, 'Heather, I just want to listen to your thoughts.'

Her father's belief in her, Evans says, "encouraged me so much as a musician because I think a lot of times people see music as, 'You can't make very much money doing music; you'd better have a backup plan.'" But my dad, he was always that type of person to back me completely and say, 'Hey, if this is what God has put in your heart, go after it with all that you are,' and fast-forward to where I am today."

The owner of the studio where she recorded those first songs had industry connections that helped her. And within the past year, Evans says, "I had a couple of placements on *So You*

Think You Can Dance, Disney's *Fairytale Wedding*, two songs on *Dancing With the Stars Jr.* ... all these things are just coming up and blowing up for me again for my music since my dad believed in me back when I was a 15-year-old."

To learn more about how God is using Evans in the music industry, [click here](#) to listen to the entire podcast. {eo}