

Need

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Todd Agnew's fifth studio project, *Need*, was inspired by recent life changes and learning experiences. The singer-songwriter was married in February 2008. Among the 12 songs is the first single "Joy Unspeakable," which reflects on his newfound happiness.

"There was a great deal of joy added to my life through this amazing gift God had given me," Agnew says of his marriage. "Now, being over a year into it, I know that it's not all easy and fun. Some of life is still quite difficult. But what I have found is that joy runs through it all, and that is God's plan for His bride as well.

"The strength, the comfort and the joy that come from our relationship with Him are ever present, even in our troubled times," he adds. "That is a joy that I do not have words to describe."

Other songs on the album include "Gloria," "I Need No Other" and "Breakable." *Need* is the follow-up to Agnew's 2007 release, *Better*.

"Once we finished recording this record, I looked back at it trying to find the theme running throughout," Agnew says. "I started to realize how much of this project is about need—my need to be loved, my need for answers, my need for assurance; our need to worship, our need to be rescued, redeemed, restored. I noticed that God has been teaching me all year that all of my needs are met in Jesus.

"One after another, we learn that we have a need to be loved, to be rescued, to be redeemed, to be restored—all these things," Agnew says. "Those are the universal needs, and they are all met in Jesus. It's a matter of trusting God to help me

walk through that, even though I don't know what I'm doing."

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