

Day 35

Matt Maher & Sacrificial Prayer



For Personal Reflection & Prayer

- How do I think Jesus prayed for me at the Last Supper, just before his passion?

Take these considerations to the Lord in prayer, asking for light and strength.

Offer a prayer inspired by the words of Scripture:

*Worthy are you, Lord our God,
To receive glory and honor and power.*

Revelation 4:11

Matt Maher & TAYA

Since his major-label debut in 2008, Matt Maher has become a staple in the artistic and songwriting community. A nine-time-Grammy nominee and three-time-GMA Dove Award winner, he has garnered multiple radio successes, writing and recording songs such as his Top 5 CCLI song “Lord, I Need You” and the chart-topping radio singles “Because He Lives (Amen)” and “Alive & Breathing.” Along with other hits such as “Hold Us Together,” “Christ Is Risen,” “All The People Said Amen,” and “Your Grace Is Enough,” Maher has written or co-written six No. 1 radio singles.

Penning numerous songs recorded by Crowder, Hillsong, Casting Crown, Chris Tomlin, We Are Messengers, Chris Renzema, Mack Brock, Brandon Lake and Passion, he’s had multiple titles on the CCLI chart’s Top 500 list. With career album sales of more than



600,000 units to date, Maher was awarded RIAA Platinum certification for “Lord, I Need You” and RIAA Gold certification for “Hold Us Together,” “All The People Said Amen,” and “Because He Lives (Amen)”. He’s released ten studio albums, including his 2017 Grammy-nominated album Echoes, and his first Christmas album and children’s book, both titled The Advent of Christmas.

Maher, an official Steinway Artist, has been headlining his own tours and performing at major Catholic and Evangelical events since 2004, including multiple World Youth Day festivals, most recently in Rio De Janeiro presided by Pope Francis. He has also participated in the industry’s biggest tours and festivals, such as Worship Night In America with Christ Tomlin, Compassion Live’s The Road Show and Tobymac’s Hits Deep. Maher has also toured with MercyMe, Chris Tomlin, and Casting Crowns.

(To watch the official video of “It’s Yours” with Matt Maher & TAYA, click below)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8QN8bTR1k0>

Taya Gaukrodger, renowned for her soul-stirring rendition of “Oceans” during her time with Hillsong, has entered a new chapter of joy and love as she becomes a mother. Taya and her husband, Ben, are excited to announce the arrival of their precious baby boy, Bo Benaiah Gaukrodger.

Bo made his grand entrance on October 20, 2023, at 8:15 AM, weighing a healthy 9 pounds and measuring 22.5 inches. Described as having “big hands, big feet, and a good set of lungs,” Bo is already proving to be a bundle of joy for the new parents.

The couple took the opportunity to share the inspiration behind Bo’s unique name. Bo, the command form of “go” or “come” in Hebrew, signifies a powerful calling and direction. Benaiah, meaning “Yahweh builds,” reinforces a strong foundation of faith and divine guidance. As for the family surname, Gaukrodger, Taya humorously adds a touch of playfulness, suggesting “GOOD-LUCK ;).”

Reflecting on the significance of Bo’s name, Taya shared, “In the Bible, names located people, identifying what was going on at the time and were then powerfully spoken over individuals again & again each time their names were called – both good and bad.”

Expressing gratitude, Taya acknowledges, “God has been beyond kind — Bo is such a joy-filled little boy, Ben is the most incredible Dad, and I’m forever ruined in the best way ha. It is all a gift, thank You Jesus.”

Sharing the journey of selecting Bo’s name, Taya revealed, “Ben & I started discussing kids’ names as we needed to start the convo early because he liked traditional names and my name is Taya.” She recounts a divine intervention when she woke up with a strong prompting to google the Hebrew meaning of “BO” and found it to be the command form of “go” or “come.”...

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