

Devin McGlamery -- Love Is A Verb

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Artist: Devin McGlamery

Project Title: Love Is A Verb

Label: StowTown Records

Producer: Wayne Haun

I first met Devin McGlamery a few weeks after he joined the Dixie Melody Boys when he was seventeen years old. I could tell even at that time that Devin had a very special and unique talent. I followed him as he gained confidence with the Dixie Melody Boys and then moved on to Karen Peck and New River and eventually joined Ernie Haase and Signature Sound. It seems only natural that Devin would do a solo project! This recording is wonderful. It not only showcases Devin's vocal abilities but he also has several of his friends join him for a song here or there which only enhances the enjoyment of this project.

The title song of the project is "Love Is A Verb" and it is the first song on the project! Devin has the talented trio Beyond The Ashes join him on this song and I love this song as it reminds us that we have to show love! The song gives the message in a unique way but I love the song and the message. "Hold On, Help Is On The Way" is the next song on the project and this upbeat song also has an upbeat message of holding on because help is on the way and that help is in the form of Jesus Christ! Next on the project we find a song titled "In The Depths Of The Sea." This is the old Cathedral classic song and I loved hearing Devin sing this great song reminding us that God has buried our sins in the depths of the sea. Daily and Vincent joins Devin on "From My Rags To His Riches." That song was a popular radio release from this project and there is no doubt why! This song also just recently won a Dove Award!!! The song has a tremendous message of the changes that God can and will make in every Christian's life!

"I Will" picks up the tempo once again and I love this song that reminds us that God will always love us and keep the promises of His Word! It is a great song with a very encouraging message. The next song on the project is titled "I Tasted Your Water." This song is wonderfully crafted reminding us that the Living Water of Jesus Christ is all we ever need. The next song

on the project is a great ballad titled "While I Still Can." Karen Peck and New River join Devin on this song and the message is a great one reminding the listener to spend the time with their loved ones while they still can. It is a message that I hope every listener takes to heart. "As Long As You Walk With Me" is a song with a powerful message! The message simply says that as long as Christ will walk with us there is nothing we can't face. I have found that to be true in my life and I love the way this song and Devin present that message.

Russ Taff joins Devin on the next song and I love the introduction before the song! The song is "Up Above My Head (There's Music In The Air)" and when you combine these two great voices and personalities pure magic happens! I love it and I know you will to! "Waiting At Home" is the next song on this project and this beautiful song conveys the message of the prodigal son and goes on to remind us the Father is always waiting at Home for His Children. One of my all-time favorite songs in Southern Gospel Music is "When He Was On The Cross." I have to admit that I jumped straight to this song when I first put the CD in my player and I love Devin's version of this great, classic song. I believe that this song has one of the great, powerful messages ever found in a song! The beauty of it that the song is still as relevant today as when the Florida Boys sang it so many years ago. It seems fitting that the project would end with Devin performing with his current group, Ernie Haase and Signature Sound. The song they sing is titled "That's Why" and it is great song about the reason we love Jesus Christ.

I have always known that Devin could sing! He proved that with every group he ever sang with. What I did not know is that Devin is an exceptional soloist! This project is really very good! The songs are all wonderful and there is a nice mix of new songs with a couple of classics thrown in. Devin sings them all to perfection and the production on the project is top notch all the way. My favorite songs from this project are "As Long As You Walk With Me," "Waiting At Home" and "I Will." The entire project has twelve song and any of them could be a favorite! Devin delivers a solid project here that will be enjoyed by listeners for many years to come. For more information on Devin, visit his website at www.devinmcglamery.com.