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GOTEE RECORDS' RYAN STEVENSON KICKS OFF 2018 WITH A NEW SONG

"NO MATTER WHAT" AVAILABLE NOW FEATURING BART MILLARD OF MERCYME

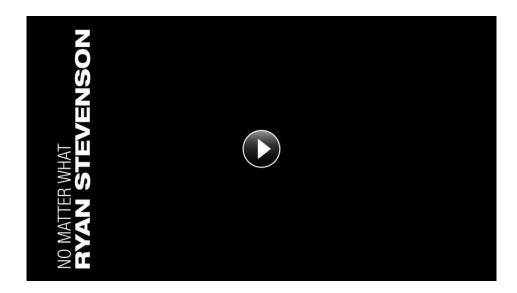


NASHVILLE, TENN. (JANUARY 26, 2018) Gotee Records' **Ryan Stevenson** is starting his 2018 strong with the release of brand new music with the song **"No Matter What (feat. Bart Millard of MercyMe)."** Stevenson is coming off the heels of a successful 2017 and already this year two of his own songs have charted on the Billboard's Top 40 chart simultaneously with "The Gospel" and "Lift You Up." He's adding to that start with brand new music right before he hits the road on a 30-city tour.

The new song is written by Stevenson and producer Bryan Fowler and is based on the scripture in 2 Corinthians 12 verses 9 and 10. <u>Click here</u> to listen to "No Matter What" and below to watch the lyric video. "No Matter What" is the follow up to the Top 3 Billboard Christian Airplay hit and Top 20 Billboard Song of 2017 "The Gospel." All three songs will be featured on a brand new album releasing this spring.

"Over the course of the last several years, I've continued to ask the Lord to give me songs that exist for a reason," shares Ryan Stevenson about his new single. "As we were working on this new record, a reoccurring theme I felt the Lord continually whisper to my heart was 'beloved identity.' I, like many of us, grew up in the church- a religious environment, where we weren't necessarily nurtured and taught about Gods grace, patience and compassion. As I continue to grow and experience life, the truth I continue to encounter is 'I am His son, no matter what.' It is easy to fall into the trap of performance based relationship with God when we've been taught in religious environments that He's mostly disappointed with us. This song hopefully will encourage all of us that even though we struggle, Jesus is overseeing the process."

Next week, Stevenson will be heading out on the *TobyMac Hits Deep Tour* that will be going across the country - see the tour dates below.



ABOUT RYAN STEVENSON:

Following a seven-year stint as a paramedic, Pacific Northwest native Ryan Stevenson signed an exclusive agreement with Gotee Records in 2013 after capturing TobyMac's attention by co-writing the No. 1 and Grammy® nominated single "Speak Life," His first recording for the label was the *Holding Nothing Back* EP in 2013, which garnered the Top 25 single "Holding Nothing Back. This was followed by 2015's full-length album *Fresh Start*, which featured the No. 1 radio single "Eye of the Storm". With three No. 1 singles (two as an artist and one as a co-writer), a GRAMMY® nomination, Billboard Music Award nomination, a Dove Award (2017), ASCAP honors and major tour bills with the likes of TobyMac, MercyMe, Newsboys and Matt Maher, among others, Ryan has already distinguished himself as a rare talent whose unique perspective guides his honest lyrics and sonic sensibilities.

2018 TobyMac Hits Deep Tour Dates:

1/30/18 - Oklahoma City, OK - Chesapeake Energy Arena 2/1/18 - Rio Rancho, NM - Santa Ana Star Center 2/2/18 - Glendale, AZ - Gila River Arena 2/3/18 - Salt Lake City, UT - Vivint Arena 2/8/18 - San Diego, CA - Viejas Arena 2/9/18 - Ontario, CA - Citizens Business Bank Arena 2/10/18 - Reno, NV - Reno Events Center 2/11/18 - Sacramento, CA - Golden 1 Center 2/13/18 - Fresno, CA - Save Mart Center 2/15/18 - Kennewick, WA - Toyota Center 2/16/18 - Seattle, WA - Key Arena 2/17/18 - Portland, OR - Moda Center 2/18/18 - Spokane, WA - Spokane Arena 2/22/18 - Denver, CO - Denver Coliseum 2/23/18 - Kansas City, MO - Sprint Center 2/24/18 - Moline, IL - iWireless Center 2/25/18 - Minneapolis, MN - Target Center 3/1/18 - Milwaukee, WI - University of Wisconsin Milwaukee 3/2/18 - Omaha, NE - Baxter Arena 3/3/18 - Saint Charles, MO - Family Arena 3/4/18 - Grand Rapids, MI - The Van Andel Arena 3/8/18 - Belton, TX - Bell County Expo Center 3/9/18 - Lubbock, TX - United Super Market Arena 3/10/18 - El Paso, TX - Don Haskins Center 3/11/18 - San Antonio, TX - AT&T Center 3/15/18 - Tulsa, OK - BOK Center 3/16/18 - Baton Rouge, LA - Raising Cane's River Center 3/17/18 - Birmingham, AL - BJCC Arena 3/18/18 - Pensacola, FL - Pensacola Bay Center



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