

# the *LAM Band*

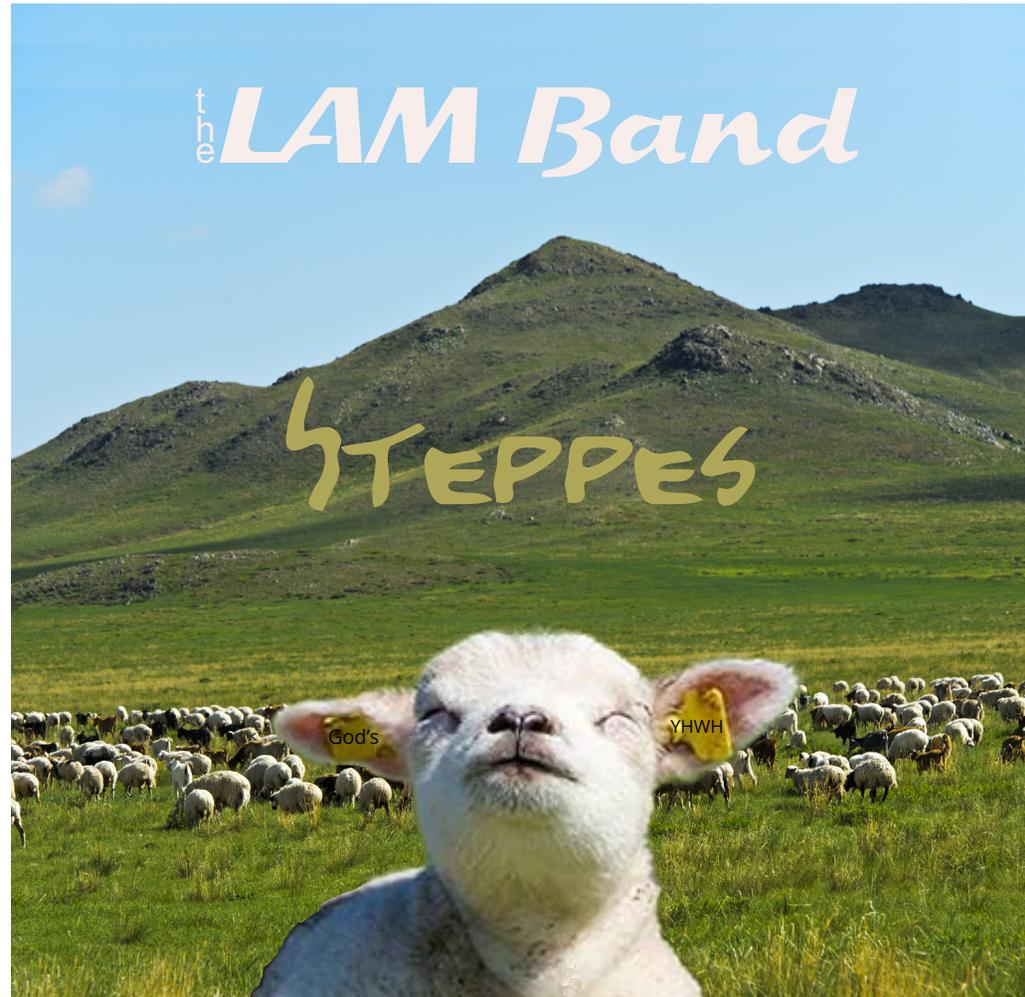
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Larry would like to thank and praise the LORD God Almighty for making this CD possible. May the Holy Spirit work through this music to speak to the lost, and to rekindle in all of us a deeper love for the Lord and for our neighbors. We are the sheep of God's pasture. YAHWEH deserves ALL honor, glory, thanks, and praise! Love You, Dad!



### 1) THIS ALIEN FEELING

Psalms 51:1; Proverbs 19:22a, 20:6; Isaiah 54:10  
Crossing regions,  
We're tumbleweeds doing cartwheels.  
It stands to reason  
When we couldn't cling to what's real.  
We're twinkling stars, faulty lights  
On broken pull chains,  
Tattered memoirs cast on a dying flame.  
Though words were tender, they didn't last too long.  
I remember, bonds were not this strong...

#### CHORUS

This alien feeling -- it's so new,  
it's so strange to me  
This alien feeling -- it's so You,  
but so strange for me  
It must be love... oh-oh, must be true love.

Never alone  
Even when friends fail to be there.  
Now we surely know  
And thank God His care isn't fair.  
Who can fathom just how perfect love can be?  
He gave His Son while we lived in tyranny.  
Holiness rendered -- it's a forever thing.  
Heaven's Sender gives us wedding rings.

#### CHORUS

Oh, I need a brighter flame --  
Won't flicker when it rains.  
Oh, I need a deeper peace,  
A calmer sea, endless reality.  
Like wintery weather, kindness can turn cold,  
His warm ember keeps our hearts aglow.

#### CHORUS

### 2. BRAKE MY HEART

Luke 15:3-7; John 8:10-11; 10:16; 20:27  
I walk, I balk, then drop down unseen, then quicken my pace.  
You hawk, You stalk, You said You loved me --  
Told me to my face. Now I need to get far away,  
And need to yesterday.  
You watch, You gawk -- straight through smokescreens --  
See all I embrace.  
In dark boxes I'll crawl and hide,  
But You crouch at my side...

#### CHORUS

Ev'ry denial that I can make -- I argue at the start.  
Ev'ry assurance that I can fake -- my logic falls apart.  
Brake my heart; stop it from believing:  
I don't need Your love.  
Brake my heart; stop it from deceiving:  
I can live without Your love.

I move, elude, wherever I can to find my safe place.  
You view, pursue, You reach for my hand,  
And invade my space.  
So, I'll speed down this winding road  
With all my baggage stowed.  
You chose to prove I'm in Your plans to reroute my race.  
That You rapping on my car door?  
I've run red lights before...

#### CHORUS

Halting me, salting me -- melting ice with irrational love.  
Faltering, altering -- change my course  
With sincere actional love.

#### CHORUS

### 11. THE HOUSE OF HAUNTED HEARTS

Matthew 12:31-32; 1 Cor 10:13; Eph 2:1-9; 6:12  
I came down the stairway...  
You were already on your phone,  
Then left in a hurry, so we wouldn't be alone.  
Out the door, out of time,  
Looking for someone better still  
Who gives sachets and flower chains,  
Promising you chills and thrills.  
Will we remain little more than strangers?  
Those clanking chains, pull tight to unseen danger.

#### CHORUS

The house of haunted hearts --  
dead in sin live within.  
The house of haunted hearts --  
From its grave Jesus saves.  
Make great haste, He made good your escape!

You stop at the big house  
Down the street in your neighborhood.  
The one by the crossroads  
Where a country church once stood.  
Inviting, a porch swing,  
Open doors call out flauntingly;  
Staircase leading to mystery,  
Dark windows stare hauntingly.  
Will you still go, seeking lifeless answers?  
To old, dry bones, and floors of phantom dancers?

#### CHORUS

Spirit speaking 3x all around you.  
Spirit speaking 3x deep inside you now.  
Will those cracked walls trap you in sleepovers?  
From death to life, Jesus crosses you over.

#### CHORUS

### 12. STEPPIN' WITH MY SAVIOR

Matthew 9:9; Galatians 5:25; Colossians 2:6-8,13-15  
Walked out on the film of my life:  
Horror picture show; scary sight.  
An unassuming man on the curb,  
He saw me, said to me,  
He loved me. How absurd!  
You just saw my life -- No reel of highlights.

#### CHORUS

Steppin' with my Savior through all my fright'ning days  
Steppin' with my Savior, cross-walking thru the light'ning rain  
Steppin' with my Savior -- a new image I see  
1) He knows, loves me perfectly. 2) No one else could  
rescue me. 3) He brought sharp contrast in me.

Great. Now it's storming! Panic time!  
Frantic for a ride... No can find.  
Then that caring man, on His own,  
Took command, held my hand,  
And said, He'd lead me home.  
Critics gather 'round. Thumbs come raining down.

#### CHORUS

Rivals drawing near, and they make it clear,  
"His words aren't that sound.  
Live large in our world, trust our changing word,  
Slide on shifting ground."  
I'm lit, His Spirit streams a new flick of me;  
Restored the movie of my journey:  
Steppin' with my Savior... Steppin' with my Savior...  
He points up the road. There, glory unfolds...

#### CHORUS

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### 9. HOSANNA

Matthew 21: 1-11; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Wake up, arise! Light has dawned,  
Conquered death and hades.  
Heaven's open, fear is gone,  
Cast out doubts and maybes.  
Jesus came down to the earth  
As a tiny baby.  
God is with us by His birth,  
Bringing victory!  
Jesus, in humility,  
Became one of us,  
Took on humanity.

#### CHORUS

Hosanna! Hosanna! Save us!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Sing praise!

Riding onward, see our King  
Resolutely moving.  
Grateful honor we, too, bring,  
For by our Lord's choosing,  
He carried our wayward life --  
Father's wrath diffusing --  
By His holy sacrifice,  
Our bond renewing.  
We're helpless to make it right.  
All thanks to Jesus,  
We're holy in God's sight.

#### CHORUS

Hosanna in the highest! 2x  
CHORUS

### 10. WORTH IT

Romans 5:6-11; 8:14-21; Ephesians 2:1-9

Traveling onward your way;  
Roaming going astray.  
You are a captive but unaware  
That shackle's binding and tempter's waiting snares  
Devour and treat you like a bag of chips.  
Rushing in to redeem you, I had to take the hit.

#### CHORUS

You are worth it – all My sweat and blood.  
Oh, yeah, you're worth it – full pardon and love.  
You broke My heart, so I left My throne  
And ev'rything to bring you home.

Sprawling, cold pri-son walls,  
Darkness, mazes, pitfalls.  
The hateful jailor bolts the door.  
One torch is casting its lamplight on the floor.  
With the key, I'm calling. In your deadly state,  
You were deep-dungeon crawling, so I took your place.

#### CHORUS

Worth it – Tho unworthy  
Worth it – loved dearly  
Worth it – once enemies.  
Worth it – now family.  
You're an heir -- a heavenaire!  
Hey-oh! Trust in all I say-oh!

#### CHORUS

### 3. STEP BY STEP Psalm 119:105; Matthew 28:20b

Some would like to gain control,  
Others learn something strange:  
Earth grows hot, hearts go cold.  
Talk about climate change.  
Whoa! Prophecy keeps proovin'  
Whoa, yeah! Gotta keep on movin'.

#### CHORUS

Step by step and day by day  
God is with us, come what may  
Step by step, He lights the way  
His deep love paved our highway  
Our bridge, our crossway.  
Step by step You light the way

He holds tightly, won't let go --  
Nothing here can separate.  
Time flies fast, don't be slow,  
Know His hands have kept us safe.  
Whoa! Quickly thank Him, seek His care.  
Whoa, yeah! There's no speed limit to prayer.  
CHORUS  
Slogging through layers of mud – Wow, they lay it thick.  
Topping with sprinkles of crud – None of it will stick.  
We're pressing on. Jesus cleared the road for all.  
Progressing on, Rising up from pitfalls.  
Whoa! Lamps are lit, we're not snoozin'.  
Whoa, yeah! Thankful hearts keep cruizin'.

#### CHORUS (plus...)

Step by step, He rules the day  
God is with us, come what may  
Step by step, He leads the way  
His deep love paved our highway  
Our bridge, our crossway.

### 4. PASSAGES Psalm 119:105; Matthew 24:4-14

I'm reclining on a grassy bed.  
Among the flowers I laid my weary head.  
There I lay, and long to stay.  
Heard You calling, so I moved on,  
Climbing rocky, jagged crags, I forged along  
Bruised my skin, my heart within.  
Curving like a snake -- every step I take --  
Keep ascending where doubting hearts won't dare.

#### CHORUS

Passages through trials ever winding.  
It's the stormy cloud's silver lining.  
Passages through trials ever winding.  
Passages through trials,  
Trails throughout time, ever winding.

I was sliding on a slippery hill.  
For longest hours driving rain drowned my will.  
Fingers slick, held icy grip.  
Then enthralling, a glossy pearl,  
Life embodied, Fortune looked down on me and swirled.  
Held in hand, wealth so grand.  
Selling all I had – things that made me glad  
Would rot and decay, rust along the way.

#### CHORUS

Passages – light my flame;  
Passages – proclaim Your fame.  
Passages – Who can know  
Passages – if the fire glows, or goes cold?  
Through lions and dens, while dragons attend  
Death-defying frays lead to castle gates.

#### CHORUS

**5. FREE INDEED** John 8:31-36

Thought I couldn't live without you, baby.  
There's a cost.  
You tried hard to win so maybe I'd be lost.  
You kept right on flashing diamond rings,  
Your gold and silver and fancy things,  
So that way down we'd go.  
You would whisper when we were together,  
"Love won't die."  
"Beds of roses will forever charm our life."  
No, it doesn't matter what you say,  
Dirt and daisies surely come your way.  
As for me, I am so...

*CHORUS*

Free indeed!  
Set free indeed!  
No chains binding me!  
No shame, no guilt, not me!  
In His teaching I believe,  
Yeah, I know the truth: I'm free indeed!

Bumbling and stumbling in daylight, baby --  
What a dance!  
What will happen when it's midnight? Encore bands?  
Spinning oh so blindly in that cage,  
I was trapped there but my ransom's paid.  
Now I see, I am so...

*CHORUS*

Jesus lived His life for me,  
Hurled my sin to the deep, dark sea.  
Ditched are dirty prison clothes --  
Can't fit over this clean and holy robe.  
I'm so free... I'm so free...

*CHORUS*

**6. MYSTERIOUS LOVE** Ps 115: 2-3; Isaiah 55:9;

Matthew 8:5-13; Mark 5:21-43; John 11:1-43  
The weathervane turned north that day;  
Summer breezes blew miles away.  
And now cold winds of changing times  
Stir in our hearts, and rain in misty eyes.  
Joy and grief -- once so wide apart,  
Laughter and tears now divide the same heart.  
Kind hands in stillness lay,  
Darkness lingers behind thick veils.  
Candlelight aglow in windows. (Shining brightly!)  
From our Father's home, care is shown. (Shining brightly!)

*CHORUS*

Radiant in His eyes, in His smile, we see mysterious love.  
In His holy life and sacrifice, we see mysterious love.  
How long, O Lord, how long? How late must we await?  
When storms assail us, may they avail us.  
Speak the word from above, reveal mysterious love.  
3) Make it known. Show it, bestow this mysterious love!

Children plead to heaven high  
Will the Master act as days gone by?  
Will He calm these winds and waves?  
Or use them to propel us on our way?  
Mighty power flows freely still, all according to His loving will.  
When we pray, He could say,  
"Talitha kum! My child, awake!"  
Up above the haze, there's His gaze, (Shining brightly!)  
Focusing the dazed on His blaze. (Shining brightly!)

*CHORUS*

Oh, Good Teacher, doubting thoughts destroy.  
Oh, Great Healer, bring care and healing, restore joy.  
Let sad hearts display jubilant praise. (Shining brightly!)

*CHORUS*

**7. NO MORE CHALKIN'** Proverbs 16:25,

Matthew 23:4, 27; 5:20; Luke 13:24  
"Cool out and chill," he said.  
That's easy to say when your heart is cold.  
Frozen by laws in your head:  
You're burning His Bridge and paying tolls,  
Making the straight and narrow road  
Full of curves and heavy loads.  
Love is only alight,  
If not left for dead in the night.

*CHORUS*

Can't you draw living water,  
Not chalk outlines on the floor?  
Lifeless actions, or narrow door...?  
Watch me, I'm walkin'.  
There'll be no more chalkin'.

"Take a deep breath," he said.  
But your chest is thick with smoke.  
God's fire burned out, embers dead  
Smothered by your burdened hope.  
Billows of smoky love might blow --  
Foggy reasons with no rainbow.  
Can't you see that your heart  
Is a crime scene veiled in the dark?

*CHORUS*

Your crime is passion-never-in-fashion.  
You're cloaked in primal fear.  
No tender touch. No prints to dust.  
No heartbeat left to hear.

*CHORUS*

**8. EVERYBODY** 1 Kings 18:16-39; Matthew 3:11; Acts 2:1-4

Three long years of sunny days; there had been no rain.  
The ground had turned to wind-blown dust;  
Every brook was all dried up.  
The king and queen would kill and steal — evil all too real.  
Just like the land was cracked and hard,  
So were their granite hearts.  
No, they never ever ceased  
To follow their own ways.  
The prophet summoned all their priests;  
They knew Elijah would say...

*CHORUS*

Everybody, raise your voice; everybody, praise the Lord!  
Everybody, say with joy; everybody, praise the Lord!  
When His fire comes down, then make a glad sound,  
Gather 'round, yeah!  
Everybody, make some noise; everybody, praise the Lord!

All the priests just shook their heads.  
They sacrificed instead  
To worthless idols deaf and mute,  
That cannot save from death's pursuit.  
Taking up the challenge laid,  
Around their altar made,  
The frantic followers of Baal  
Cut themselves and wailed.  
Nothing happened, nothing burned...  
Then came Elijah's turn:  
His offering was fully consumed;  
And all the water too. / *CHORUS*  
We join them, and shout out in wonder and awe,  
"The Lord — He is God!"  
Let's Rid our idols, and pray, "Holy Spirit, come  
Rekindle in us Your love!" / *CHORUS*

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