



Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

"Nothin' On You" B.o.B. featuring Bruno Mars (1 of 2: Ending Up With Nothing)

Media Information

Album:	<i>B.o.B. Presents: The Adventures of Bobby Ray</i>
Release Date:	February 2, 2010
Label:	Grand Hustle
Length:	4 min 30 sec

Key Lyrics

Regardless of the things in
my past that i've done
Most of it really was for the
hell of the fun
On the carousel so around I
spun (spun)
With no directions just
tryna get some (some)
Tryna chase skirts, living in
the summer sun (sun)
This is how I lost more than
I had ever won
And honestly I ended up
with none

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Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 2:1-2
Titus 3:3-7

Catechism:

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Faith Connection

Contemporary American culture is obsessed with pleasure (having fun, avoiding pain, doing what feels good, etc). This song portrays a very Christian experience and response to that pursuit. The protagonist has tried chasing skirts, living only to have fun, in other words putting pleasure above all else. Yet, as he sings this song, he expresses the dissatisfaction with those choices because seeking only pleasure led to emptiness and loss. Likewise, our faith warns against seeking pleasure above all else; only God should be above all else. When pleasure is sought, only sorrow is left. When God is sought, peace is found. The song tells of the singer's peace being out of the game because he's found a true love that's so much more than the physical pursuits of the past. Likewise, we're supposed to recognize and express to God that everyone else has "Nothin' On You."

Discussion Questions

1. How do you respond to pain or sorrow?
2. Where does pleasure fit into your priorities?
3. What is the most important thing in your life?
4. Do you put God first? What does that mean?
5. What would it take to put God first?

