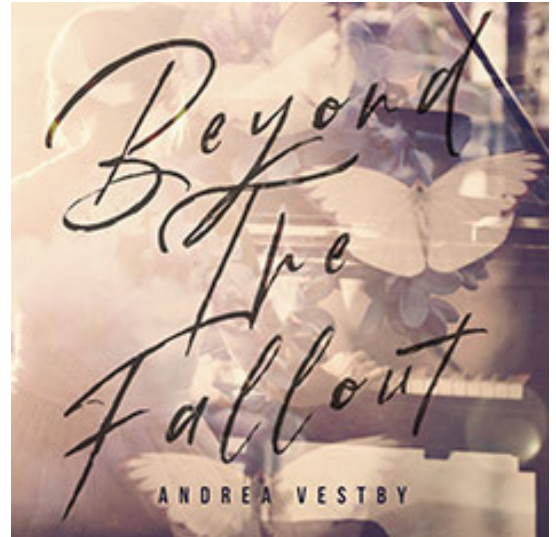


Andrea Vestby “Beyond The Fallout”



I often receive lyrics during church services. This song was a test of patience. I got the first verse during church...

I've seen tears, I've seen the loss
When actions speak louder than words
I've seen the pain, I've seen the cost
The ripple affect choices cause

At that time, our family was struggling with the impact my ex continued to have in our lives. I had been married to him for 15 years, and it had been a very abusive relationship. We had been divorced for 8 years and I had since remarried an amazing man of faith. I had found healing along the way; however, having six children together meant that my ex was still in my life.

My ex had gotten involved in drugs and risky behaviour. It was really affecting my children and their relationship with their Dad. It put us in a difficult spot financially, mentally and spiritually. It was important for me to encourage my children to pray for him and have faith that God can do the incredible for those who want Him. I also believe God is bigger than our worst circumstances.

I had this first verse for over a year and my husband would ask me where I thought God wanted the song to go. I really didn't know at that time. My ex took steps towards recovery, and I hung on to that verse, waiting on God to help me finish it.

Once more, a year later, we were struggling with the exact circumstances again. My kids were very hurt. That's when God gave the rest of the song. I believe it was meant to encourage myself and my family of God's greatness.

The chorus says...

Beyond the fallout, beyond the pain
Beyond the chaos, I can call out your name
You never let me down, You never change
You're bigger than any challenge I will ever face
Beyond the fallout, You're my saving grace

God says in Matthew 19:26, "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

I have seen God provide during my worst circumstances, bring peace when there are struggles and help me walk with strength, courage and hope. His love never fails!

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