

Only A Man by Jonny Lang

I used to live my life in fear  
Was worried all the time  
From waking up to laying down  
I had no peace of mind  
The world became a darkened place  
A struggle without end  
Although bitter times those were  
The days that I had began to understand  
I was only a man

I grew up singing songs in church  
With questions in my mind  
Then turned my back and ran away  
From God who gave me life  
Then one night his presence fell  
I wept and shook and then  
I fell down and cried, Dear Jesus, rescue me again  
I understand I am only a man

And He said, What will it be now?  
Will you choose me or keep swimming up stream now?  
I've been inside your head hearing you scream out.  
Well here I am, just take my hand and I'll take out  
All of the pain and all of the fear  
All of the fear

I'll give you my burdens (I'll give you peace)  
All of my desires (I'll give you what you need)  
Oh, what about these chains, Lord? (I'll set you free)  
But they're so heavy (Lay them at my feet)  
I'll lay them at your feet  
Just promise you won't leave (I'll never leave)  
So where do I go from here, Lord? (Just follow me)  
(Just follow me)  
I'll follow you (Just follow me) wherever you lead  
Wherever you lead, wherever you lead

## Questions

The desperation, the pain in his voice - this song conveys a lot of emotion. Has there ever been a time when you felt that way?

What does the phrase "I am only a man" mean to you.

Read about the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32)

What similarities do you see in the prodigal son vs. the man in this song.

What do you think the son looked like when he was coming down the road? Compare that to when he left.

What are the desires of your heart?

What do you think are God's desires for you?

How do they compare? Are your desires in-line with God's?

Do you lay your burdens down at his feet or try to bear them all on your own?

What can you do differently in your life to rely more on God, to cast your cares on him?