

# JOY WHITLOCK - SINGER

I recently saw a reference to Joy Whitlock's new CD *God and a Girl* and was intrigued to know more. I searched the Internet and discovered there were a great many references to this singer and decided to find out more about her. Joy is a true child of the 21 century - everything you could want to know about her and her music is available on the Internet. Just search for "Joy Whitlock" and it all lays out before you, websites, blogs, videos, music etc etc.

JNC's weblog from Apr.30,2008 says that Joy Whitlock is Ardent Record's newly signed singer. Kevin Davis' Music and Book Reviews had the following to say Oct.17,2008 "Joy is a folk-style singer-songwriter similar to KT Tunstall, Kendall Payne and Jennifer Knapp. If every flock needed a black sheep, Joy readily filled that role maybe too eagerly seeking to numb a pain that could only be healed by the One who created her. 'I tried to fill the emptiness I felt with anything that numbed or felt like love - drugs... promiscuity... the usual stuff.' She looks back with regret now at the pain she caused her mother and father as well as the embarrassment she subjected them to with her actions, a theme she touches on in the standout track Faith Don't Fail based on Luke 22:31-32. The scene Joy so vividly recounts is from Mel Gibson's 'The Passion of the Christ'. It's not exactly a movie you look forward to seeing. But I went and accepted Jesus that night."

Kevin Davis reviews several of the songs on Joy's CD and compares her to singers like Alanis Morissette and KT Tunstall and finishes with "if you are looking for CCM's next Jennifer Knapp, look no further than Joy Whitlock."

You can tell from Joy's lyrics that writing songs is part of her healing process. Getting all that hurt out is part of the necessary healing that needed to take place. In the song "Faith don't Fail" are the lines:

"I just wanna get this out  
I wish I didn't know what I know  
These memories won't let me go"

This has obviously helped Joy move on from one kind of life to another. A life that is hopefully now meeting Joy's needs and fulfilling her. Changing your whole lifestyle is a amazingly hard task and many fail to achieve what Joy has.

Joy was born Aug.30,1980. She is an interesting addition to our Whitlock family as her connection to the Whitlocks is by choice. Her father was born in Illinois with the surname Bean but was adopted by Ken Whitlock of Branson, Missouri and took the Whitlock surname. Joy is certainly doing her bit to make Whitlock a well known name in a unique and interesting way. Thanks Joy and good luck.