

HEATHER POWERS ON...

THE MOST DIFFICULT THING about being Heather Powers is the undue expectation I place on myself in many areas. They include body image, productivity, cleanliness...to name a few. I am working to be less pressured by the “tyranny of the urgent” and more focused on the things that have eternal and lasting value. Sitting still is so hard for me and I’m realizing more and more...that is exactly where God meets me.

THE MOST REWARDING THING about being me is watching my kids growing into the people God designed them to be.

THE MOST INFLUENTIAL EVENTS in shaping my character have been the most painful. Through a season of turning my heart away from the Lord, I learned that He remained faithful when I was faithless! When we are broken, God’s strength can be magnified in us if we turn and let Him be to us what we cannot be for ourselves.

THE SONGWRITING PROCESS looks different almost every time I go to write. Sometimes it comes over me in a way that I realize I was just a conduit.... I almost can’t even remember actually writing them. Those are usually the ones that speak the deepest because they seem to have come straight from God’s hand. Other times I labor over song ideas that may take days or weeks to finish. These are the songs where I see how I am growing in my craft and learning how to better frame and develop a complete idea.

THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IN WRITING is to say things in a way that only you might say them. I am constantly refining the language I use to convey a thought. I want to say things in a way that cause the listener to hear from a different angle. A big part of good writing, I believe, is all kinds of reading.

FRIENDSHIP sounds like an easy word, but the longer you know someone, the more discipline it requires to be a good friend. Friendship is the opportunity we have to demonstrate Christ living in us and it is not always convenient or comfortable. However, the rewards of friendship are immeasurable!

THE CHURCH in the United States is in a place of decision. In too many sanctuaries across this country, we have settled for “Jesus Lite”.... and have watered down the message of the gospel, which IS the power of God to save and change a life. We have settled for “feel good sermons” that leave people feeling encouraged rather than giving them truth that will challenge them in their journey with Christ. With the climate rapidly changing in the world, we are to be salt and light.... and that is very often NOT a feel good message. Our task is to speak the truth in love and let the Holy Spirit do the rest. In Romans, Paul says, “I am not ashamed of the gospel....” I long for this to be truer in me with each passing day.

MY ALL TIME FAVORITE PLACE is Tahiti. Josh and I went on our honeymoon there and have been longing to get back ever since!

THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES seem to often have the most focused and spirit led believers. There is something about the fellowship of suffering that brings strength and power unlike what we know here in the United States. I believe that in many ways our affluence is to our detriment because it has given us a false sense of comfort and security; leaving us apathetic towards the eternal. In many cases, we have little to long for in terms of heaven, because we are trying to create it here on earth. I have never understood how the idea of earthly prosperity translates to a third world country.

THE BIGGEST INFLUENCES in my life are my husband, Josh, my parents and a few mentors God has given along the way.

CATS... I wish I could have one but my husband has asthma.

MAINTAINING FOCUS is one of the biggest hurdles in my daily life. My long-term focus is better than my daily focus. I would say I totally have an attention deficit. Some days, I will move from room to room, doing partial tasks, grabbing a guitar in between...somehow it all gets done at the end of the day. This is also part of what makes me an artist! I have had to work at discipline in all areas of life

and as I see growth, know that I will continue to have more and more focus as I get older!

SOLITUDE is something I am working at. The older I get, the more crucial I realize solitude really is. It is in solitude that I hear my Father and what he desires of me. It is sitting and waiting for him to speak. It is a challenge!

20 YEARS FROM NOW I hope that I still have the privilege of ministering hope and restoration. I pray that the avenues to do so grow in to different kinds of opportunities. I pray I will look back on a fruitful and character building career and that my husband and I would find ourselves more in love with Jesus and each other!