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AMY NOBLES: Woman of worship

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At an age when most children make music by banging on pots and pans, Amy Nobles began setting herself apart by tackling the piano.

Today, Nobles still distinguishes herself from the world as a worship leader.

She graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary this spring with a master of divinity degree, but she got her start in the family living room.

Amy Nobles,
a recent
graduate of
Southwestern
Baptist
Theological
Seminary,
got her start
as a worship
leader at
Texas A&M.

"I began playing the piano around age 3 or 4," Nobles explained. "My dad told me that I crawled up on the bench and picked out 'Jesus Loves Me' at that young age, and he immediately knew God would use music in my life.

"I never set out to make my own music ministry or be a worship leader. I have tried to follow the Lord where he leads, and, as a result, he has cultivated the opportunity to lead worship and bless people with that. The Lord has been training me as a musician since the age of 5, and he has given me more than a song; he has given me a message."

Nobles began leading worship while attending Texas A&M University. She was asked to sing with a college praise team at church and there began to sense God's call on her life.

"During those years, the worship movement among college students was new," she explained. "I remember going to Choice, a Bible study at Baylor led by Louie Giglio—this was long before people even knew who Louie Giglio was. I will never forget those nights of worship in Waco and the two tapes I got with all the worship music from that Bible study. Those songs gave me a deeper reason to sing. For the first time, I felt like I was singing songs that matched my thoughts about God.

“In a sense, that Bible study and the music there gave me a passion for worship music. From that point on, I knew I wanted to be involved with worship.”

A desire to be available to serve anywhere has taken her from small Texas towns like Giddings to Bonn, Germany.

Her first worship album is titled “To the Ends of the Earth.” It features songs that focus on God's heart for every nation.

After graduation, she plans to find more ways to serve the local church and the church abroad.

“I have met many Christian workers from around the world as a result of these mission opportunities,” she explained. “It has been a privilege to encourage them by leading worship for them. I have led worship for people who are persecuted in their countries for open displays of religion. To serve them in worship is quite humbling and amazing. I thank Jesus that he has opened my eyes to see all he is doing in the world. God is so much bigger to me now, and as a result, worship is sweeter.”

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