Song Stories With Jonathan & Melissa Helser

**“Explode My Soul”**
\* Was born out of a wilderness season, and crying out for healing.
\* Without tension, you can’t make music.
\* Tension is beautiful if you know the one who is allowing the tension.
\* Singing to the Lord was a relief to the tension.
\* On their 9th anniversary, Jonathan bought her a guitar from a man involved in Keith Green’s ministry, and that night she wrote the song.
\* An anthem that she sings over her life.
\* Was written when she had feeling in her hands for the first time in 7 years. Written out of hope for the light at the end of the tunnel.

**“Endless Ocean”**
\* Because we bear the image of God, we have the ability to do the things our Dad does.
\* We can create worlds with our words.
\* “Oh shoreless ocean, who could ever come to the end of you? This is the sould paradox, that I have found you, but I will never come to the end of you.” A.W. Tozer
\* Started with “You’re and endless ocean, a bottomless sea.” and he dug into that.
\* Was born out of a dream that he had ten years before he wrote the song.

**“Come Close”**
\* Birthed out of a homeschool moment.
\* Her child was having problems reading, and didn’t want to ask the Holy Sprit to come, but then when she did ask Him to come, and cried out for Him, He helped her in the smallest of things.
\* The Lord loves to saturate our lives, and He loves to be invited.

**“Abba”**
\* “All great books are written in community” - Richard Foster
\* Sometimes we are so close to the canvas, that all we see are the brushstrokes, and our community can see the entire painting.
\* “The one who knows me best, is the one who loves me most” Bennan Maning
\* Was written from a prayer to the Lord - Inhale who he is “Abba”, and exhale that you are his “I belong to you”.