

## MUSIC BIBLE - LESSON

### KATY PERRY

Introduction – Grace the only way out

Summary (from the perspective of Katy Perry)

Katy Perry: Because of the fact that my husband divorced me I got tied up emotionally. It was so bad that I was exhausted and contemplating suicide. I thought that everything was my fault. But thanks to the grace of God the only thing I had left was that I was able to rise up again and go on. My sister was instrumental in helping keep my head above water when I was full of grief. The grace of God taught me that I was a beloved person and now I am able to look at myself in the mirror and accept myself. The truth of grace freed me. I didn't want the reputation of love to get besmirched by my suicide.

By separating my husband from me, I felt emotional in the knot. So bad that I had no energy left to think about suicide I thought everything was my fault. But because of the grace of God, that was the only thing left over, I can get up again and continue. My sister was the means God used to keep my head over water when I was flooded with sadness. The grace of God taught me that I am a loved one, and so I can look at myself again as I look into the mirror. The truth of grace made me free. I did not want the name and fame of love through the slug to be achieved by my suicide.

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### To contemplate

- Have you been through a painful broken relationship?
- Can you understand the feelings of someone going through such a difficult time that they do not want to live?
- Do you relate to how Katy in her darkest hour was saved by the grace of God?
- What do you see of yourself when you 'look in the mirror'?
- Who helps you when you grieve? (link to Nabeel Quareshi)
- How can you help someone grieving?
- Can you explain why Katy Perry sees suicide as an attack on love?

### Related Bible text

Saved from death (connected to the underlined sentences in the lyrics)

Ps 32:3

Ps 116:3,4

If King David and Katy Perry were to talk about each others lyrics, what would they tell each other?

Where in the lyrics can you find a reference to what Jesus said in Jn 8:31,32

### Quote

How did Katy Perry understand this Bible text and practise it in her life?

- If David and Katy Perry could talk to each other about their songs what would they say to each other?
- Where in the lyrics of Katy Perry can you find a reference to what Jesus said in:  
Jn 8:31,32
- How did Katy Perry understand this Bible text and use it in her life?

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## Lyrics

### More information (for the teacher)

Katy Perry is known by young people as a superstar. Her father and mother were ministers. Her singing career began as a Gospel singer known by her original name Katy Hudson. Through out her career you see this influence. In the song 'Who am I living for?' she uses the Biblical Queen Ester as role model for the courage she needs from God. The song 'By the Grace of God' is auto-biographical. It came out of the traumatic situation of being unexpectedly divorced. Her husband informed her via an SMS. She took it so hard that she couldn't handle it and contemplated suicide. In the song she hints to the club of 27 'was 27 surviving my return to Saturn'. Saturn also stands for cycle of life & death. Symbol of Saturn is the Cross & a sickle. The club of 27 refers to pop artists who died unnaturally, at the age of 27. Amy Winehouse is one such artist. Katy Perry fortunately lived on probably because of her sister to whom she refers to in the lyrics.