

Sabotage – The backstory of the song

Thought: This song was actually a difficult one to start. In the film, there will be some sabotage that will happen, but as we discussed this as a basis, it appeared that most of the team didn't find the idea of electrical engineering, circuit wiring, screwdrivers, soldering irons, etc. to be a real exciting topic for a song...

As with the other songs, we're usually looking for scripture basis of some sort. After the normal Prayer 'n Search, the pattern did emerge, just a different direction than originally thought. Sound familiar? Don't suppose this ever happened to you... We've been bringing up the subject of the Garden of Eden in several ways & this gives us the first practical example of [spiritual] sabotage. It sounds like the Garden & surrounding area was a really nice place to live. If sin had not entered in, could we have been living there today? Since sin was committed & our ancestors were made to leave... that was the first sabotage of humankind's spiritual life.00

God has His purpose & timing in our lives. In the song, we look back & can appreciate the struggle of many others against the sabotage that can occur to us in our lives...

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Background information, major points, themes

- This song is part of the soundtrack for "The End of Missiles" [TEoM] short film music. It is primarily based on verses in Scripture Ref section.
- As mentioned above, the overall intent of the film/ music intent is recognition of the long term planning & patience of God
- When developing this song, we'll be bringing up numerous examples of spiritual sabotage that have happened throughout the course of history.
- Song lyrics shown separately, as per usual, we're avoiding simplistic repetitive lyrics.

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Song Details Discussion

- This is a high energy song that represents the problems & fixes in our lives. For the movie, the idea is that the mole in the organization is performing various kinds of sabotage in the missile silo. This will also represent the idea of the Enemy that can wreck our lives with sabotage. We'll illustrate how we can look to the Lord for protection/ fixing from such issues. We'd like people to not just like this song in the movie, but use it in their own lives & others around them.
- Music – Start fast & stay that way for most of the song. It will end up w/ a level of comfort when we talk about Jesus fixing the 'sabotage'.
- The song will be in 4 sections [Beginning, Middle, Middle/ End, & End.

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Lyrics, the progression

First, it begins with prayer.

We wanted all of our work here to be God-Honoring. Therefore we ask for His guidance on these things in order to get the right message across, hopefully convey the experience to you in a way that really touches your heart. It's not possible to fit all the stories & many chapters for this topic into one song, therefore you tell it as best you can. Of course the intent is for you to go study this yourself & deepen your own knowledge anyway.

For the first part of the song, we used Genesis Ch 3 for the Garden of Eden, how nice it must have been, & then the Fall & the entering of Sin into the world, the first sabotage of humankind. This set us on a path very divergent than living in the Garden area would have been, many things would now happen, as recorded in the succeeding chapters.

The next part is from Job Ch. 2. He as to be an example of someone with a life of integrity, praised even by the Lord. Of course Satan wished to bring him down & was allowed to torment Job to quite some degree, testing him. Jumping to Ch. 42, Job is speaking to the Lord in a pleasing manner, better than Job's 'friends' had been speaking. Job was needed to intercede for his friends & The Lord also restored Job's fortunes & family, rescuing him from that sabotage.

In the middle part of the song, we wanted to personalize this a bit, such as found in Matt 25, Mark 3, Luke 4 . . . We've heard it said that the Lord appreciates a faithful & loving heart. Therefore rather than just read about this or listen to the music, we hope this puts seeds of ideas & actions that you can take in your own life, things we can do to help fix the sabotage in people's lives.

The next part is the look ahead to the future, the Judgements. Our salvation is not determined at the Great White Throne, but this is where folks really find out what happens in the end. What happens to them & those they love if their names are not found in the book of life. These are found in Revelation.

We go to Jesus parables next, Mark 4 in this case. We need to be studying God's Word, the Bible, not just passively or barely paying attention. Satan wished to continue the sabotage & rob [seed sown by the roadside] or choke out the word [the thorns]. If you're not trained & equipped, will that not sabotage your life's work?

In Luke 4, Jesus was tempted himself, forty days in the wilderness, many trials & suffering, more attempts by Satan for sabotage.

Jesus knew what the plan was. In John 12-13, 16, & other chapters, he informed his disciples, prepared them for His departure, continuing the training they had been called to. He knew that He would even be betrayed by one of the disciples, that He would die on the cross, be raised again in new life, having paid for our sins such that we can now have salvation. This was the ultimate fix for all the sabotage done to the human race by Satan.

That's the main point of the song, but in the last part, we also used Romans 16, 2 Corinthians 11 & 1 Peter 5 as reminders to be steadfast in what we are doing, taking care of our brothers & sisters, including watching out for false workers who try to cause dissent & draw folks away from the Lord... at least until the time of Revelation is complete, the Judgements are fulfilled & believers are with the Lord in the new heaven, new earth, new Jerusalem.

Composer [Kabe M.] notes:

The funky, energetic song, "Sabotage," references many of the times that mankind has shown its propensity for treachery and injurious decisions throughout Biblical history. Mankind, through its disobedience to God, sabotaged its destiny. No man or woman was able to restore the access to the eternal life God intended for people to have, so God chose to become a man in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ, to make an ultimate sacrifice and repair our destiny. All that is required of us is to put our faith and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

In writing "Sabotage," I took some inspiration from "Lead Me On" from the "Top Gun" soundtrack. A drumset, bongos, congas, and claves are complemented by bass guitar (sometimes doubled by synthesizers) to provide a busy, Latin-inspired rhythmic base for the rest of the instrumentation. Electric guitar, organ, and horns intensify and support the lead guitar and Jennifer McCallister's powerful lead vocals.

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Lyrics

Beg [B]

Adam & Eve, they began it all____
Eden was so beautiful be-fore the fall____
Life was so perfect before the enemy
The serpent caused the downfall and they were forced to leave
I call it sabotage...
Not allowed to return, it was guarded by the cherubim... with
the sword of fire
Their life was sabotaged.... Sabotage
Job had a life, like you could not believe,
The Lord even praised him to the enemy
Things were stole away, life then just went bad, Job was
hurting, his comforters no good
His life was sabotaged

Mid [M]

When you see someone who is hungry or ill, and they need a
friend
Remember this, when you give, what you do for others, it is for
the Lord
Only faithful receive the reward,
Let's fix the sabotage, Sabotage

We choose our list, on His left or right, affects our judgement,
by eternal might
The seed of the Word, is sown to everyone,
Sometimes that seed is stolen by the enemy, I call it sabotage

Mid/ End [ME]

Those who neglect, the study of God' Word
Will find that good seed choking in a field of thorns
Jesus was led into the wilderness
Forty days He withstood the lying devil's tests
Attempts at sabotage

End [E]

He called twelve men to learn, to teach and pray
One of them was false, filled with deceit on the fateful day
Jesus knew His death, part of the plan
When they lifted Him high, salvation came from Him
He fixed the sabotage, Sabotage, Sabotage
Keep an eye on those who try to cause dissent
...Sabotage, Sabotage

Scripture References: Numerous, see below [NASB]

Gen 3

Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'"² The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"⁴ The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die!⁵ For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave *some* to her husband with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves waist coverings.⁸ Now they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹ Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"¹⁰ He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."¹¹ And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"¹² The man said, "The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me some of *the fruit* of the tree, and I ate."¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this *that* you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ Then the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all the livestock, And more than any animal of the field; On your belly you shall go, And dust you shall eat All the days of your life;

¹⁵ And I will make enemies Of you and the woman, And of your offspring and her Descendant; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise Him on the heel."

¹⁶ To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you shall deliver children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; With hard labor you shall eat *from* it All the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; Yet you shall eat the plants of the field; ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread, Until you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."

²⁰ Now the man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all *the* living. ²¹ And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. ²² Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out with his hand, and take *fruit* also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out of the Garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove the man out; and at the east of the Garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

Job 2

Again, there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ² The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." ³ The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man fearing God and turning away from evil. And he still holds firm to his integrity, although you incited Me against him to ruin him without cause." ⁴ Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has, he will give for his life. ⁵ However, reach out with Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face!" ⁶ So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life."

⁷ Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with severe boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. ⁸ And *Job* took a piece of pottery to scrape himself while he was sitting in the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold firm your integrity? Curse God and die!" ¹⁰ But he said to her, "You are speaking as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we actually accept good from God but not accept adversity?" Despite all this, Job did not sin with his lips.

¹¹ Now when Job's three friends heard about all this adversity that had come upon him, they came, each one from his own place—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him. ¹² When they looked from a distance and did not recognize him, they raised their voices and wept. And each of them tore his robe, and they threw dust over their heads toward the sky. ¹³ Then they sat down on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights, with no one speaking a word to him, for they saw that *his* pain was very great.

Job 42

Then Job answered the LORD and said, ² "I know that You can *do* all things, And that no plan is impossible for You. ³ 'Who is this who conceals advice without knowledge?' Therefore I have declared that which I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I do not know. ⁴ 'Please listen, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You instruct me.' ⁵ I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You; ⁶ Therefore I retract, And I repent, *sitting* on dust and ashes." ⁷ It came about after the LORD had spoken these words to Job, that the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is trustworthy, as My servant Job *has*. ⁸ Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves, and My servant Job will pray for you. For I will accept him so as not to do with you *as your* foolishness *deserves*, because you have not spoken of Me what is trustworthy, as My servant Job *has*." ⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD told them; and the LORD accepted Job. ¹⁰ The LORD also restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends, and the LORD increased double all

that Job had. ¹¹ Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all who had known him before came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house; and they sympathized with him and comforted him for all the adversities that the LORD had brought on him. And each one gave him a piece of money, and each a ring of gold. ¹² The LORD blessed the latter *days* of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand female donkeys. ¹³ He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵ In all the land no women were found as beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them inheritances among their brothers. ¹⁶ After this, Job lived 140 years, and saw his sons and his grandsons, four generations. ¹⁷ And Job died, an old man and full of days.

Matt 25: 34-46

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; ³⁶ naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink? ³⁸ And when did we see You as a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? ³⁹ And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did *it* for one of the least of these brothers *or sisters* of Mine, you did *it* for Me.' ⁴¹ "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you accursed people, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; ⁴³ I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' ⁴⁴ Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or as a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' ⁴⁵ Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do *it* for one of the least of these, you did not do *it* for Me, either.' ⁴⁶ These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Mark 3: 1-2

He entered a synagogue again; and a man was there whose hand was withered. ² And they were watching Him closely *to see* if He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.

Mark 4:13-20

¹³ And He *said* to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴ The sower sows the word. ¹⁵ These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them. ¹⁶ And in a similar way these are the ones sown *with seed* on the rocky *places*, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; ¹⁷ and *yet* they have no *firm* root in themselves, but are *only* temporary; then, when affliction or persecution occurs because of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸ And others are the ones sown *with seed* among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, ¹⁹ but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of wealth, and the desires for other things enter and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²⁰ And those are the ones sown *with seed* on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept *it* and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundred *times as much*."

Luke 4: 1-12 [Matt 4]

Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led *around* by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He was hungry. ³ And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'" ⁵ And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory, for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I want. ⁷ Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours." ⁸ Jesus replied to him, "It is written: 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" ⁹ And he brought Him into Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; ¹⁰ for it is written: 'HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS ORDERS CONCERNING YOU, TO PROTECT YOU,' ¹¹ and, 'ON *THEIR* HANDS THEY WILL LIFT YOU UP, SO THAT YOU DO NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" ¹² And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been stated, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" ¹³ And so when the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.

John 12: 31-33

³¹ Now judgment is *upon* this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. ³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *people* to Myself." ³³ Now He was saying this to indicate what kind of death He was going to die.

John 13: 1-4, 18-19, 21-27

Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that His hour had come that He would de-part from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. ² And during supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, to betray Him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had handed all things over to Him, and that He had come forth from God and was going *back* to God, ⁴ *got up from supper and *laid His outer garments *aside*; and He took a towel and tied it around Himself.

¹⁸ I am not speaking about all of you. I know *the ones* whom I have chosen; but *this is happening* so that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.' ¹⁹ From now on I am telling you before *it* happens, so that when it does happen, you may believe that I am *He*. ²⁰ Truly, truly I say to you, the one who receives anyone I send receives Me; and the one who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." ²¹ When Jesus had said these things, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and

said, "Truly, truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me." ²²The disciples *began* looking at one another, at a loss *to know* of which one He was speaking. ²³Lying back on Jesus' chest was one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴So Simon Peter *nodded to this *disciple* and *said to him, "Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking." ²⁵He then simply leaned back on Jesus' chest and said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus then answered, "That man is the one for whom I shall dip the piece *of bread* and give it to him." So when He had dipped the piece *of bread*, He took and gave *it* to Judas, *the son* of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷After this, Satan then entered him. Therefore Jesus said to him, "What you are doing, do *it* quickly."

John 16: 5-11

⁵"But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'" ⁶But because I have said these things to you, grief has filled your heart. ⁷But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment: ⁹regarding sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰and regarding righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you no longer *are going* to see Me; ¹¹and regarding judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

Romans 16: 17-20

¹⁷Now I urge you, brothers *and sisters*, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. ¹⁸For such people are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting. ¹⁹For the report of your obedience has reached everyone; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil. ²⁰The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

2 Cor 11: 13-15

¹³For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

1 Peter 5: 6-11

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you. ⁸Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹So resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world. ¹⁰After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, *and* establish *you*. ¹¹To Him *be* dominion forever and ever. Amen.