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Casting Crowns

New Studio Album

'The Very Next Thing'

Multi-platinum selling and GRAMMY® winning group Casting Crowns have released their new studio album, **The Very Next Thing**. This marks the group's 15th release and eighth studio album since the label debut release in 2003. With more than nine million records sold, the band currently holds the position as Billboard's top-selling act in Christian music since 2007. Their previous album **THRIVE** reached No. 1 on the Billboard Contemporary Christian Albums Chart and No. 6 on the Billboard Top 200 Chart.

Casting Crowns began in, serves in and continues to be rooted in the local church. It is at the local level that they are walking along with people in ministry and where the inspiration for albums are formed. The new record also includes "Oh My Soul," song Mark Hall wrote about his journey through a cancer diagnosis.

"Because we have the honor of walking with people in our churches, we get to see what people are going through - the issues that are impacting everyone now," shares front man Mark Hall. "It is in these situations that ideas are born for what we all need to hear right here right now."


The Very Next Thing is full of intimate songs as well as upbeat, fresh sounding tracks that will meet the listener with lyrics that impact with a strong message song after song.

"I think we all believe the gospel," says Mark Hall, "we all want it, we're just not sure what we're supposed to do next. We've got this idea of an awesome walk with Jesus out there somewhere, and we're looking for the bridge to get over to it. Serving God isn't this giant dream a year from now. It's not this thing He's going to have you do in a month. It's right now. Following God is the next word of love that I need to speak to somebody, the very next heart that needs to be encouraged. Ministry isn't on Sunday; it's not on a stage. It's you, where you are, doing the next thing God tells you to do."

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Supporting the upcoming release, the group are currently hitting the road for **"The Very Next Thing"** tour presented by Compassion International and Museum of the Bible. The 39 city tour will feature label mate Matt Maher and special guest newcomer Hannah Kerr. Casting Crowns continues to impact fans with their powerful lyrics and live show as they have performed for more than six million fans. In addition more than 85,000 child sponsorships have resulted through Casting Crowns live shows.

Casting Crowns have garnered multiple awards including a GRAMMY Award, 17 GMA Dove Awards, 4 American Music Awards and 2 Billboard Music Awards.



Track listing:

- Hallelujah
- The Very Next Thing
- One Step Away
- Oh My Soul
- What If I Gave Everything
- God Of All My Days
- The God Man Passes By
- For All You Are
- Song That The Angels Can't Sing
- Make Me A River
- No Other Name
- Loving My Jesus