

JAMES ROOTS BAND

Mission Statement: To bring people of all backgrounds to the heart of God through high energy praise and powerful in depth worship. To unashamedly show a true loving God to the lost. To be used by God for outreach and evangelism through partnering with churches and organizations to impact their communities.



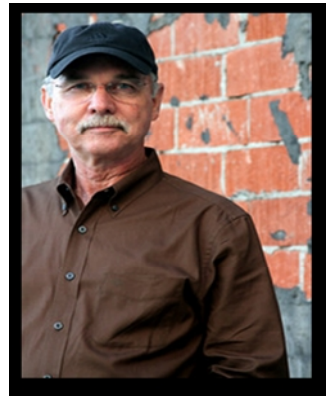
James Roots: Lead vocals/ Acoustic



Matt Rohlack: Vocals / Electric Guitar



Molly Richey: Vocals / Bass



Tom Richey: Electric Guitar



Grant Lindsey: Drums/ Programming



Chris Knapick: Keys



BIOGRAPHY



The James Roots Band is an anointed band made up of talented musicians whose heart desire is to lead people in worship. The members of the band include James Roots, Tom and Molly Richey (husband and wife), Matt Rohlack, Chris Knapick and Grant Lindsey. Praise and worship is more than just a genre of music to the band, it is their passion.

The James Roots Band....real, open and upfront with what they believe. That's just who they are. After releasing his debut CD entitled "You're Everything" in 2006, front man James Roots pulled together musicians

with the same vision and heart for music and ministry. In 2008 JRB released its first 3 song Ep including its title cut "Reaching Higher" which climbed to the indie chart's top 20.

Flash forward to 2009, the band recently released its full length album "Reaching Higher" on October 30th. Drawing nearer to God is the underlying theme interwoven throughout their newest release. Filled with songs that speak straight from the heart, this album draws people into the presence of God with a vertical passion. James who has co-written most of the originals with his wife says, "We are excited about the new songs God has given us and about recording the second album which will have more of the band's intensity and creativity. We really thrive to share our passion for Christ through our music."

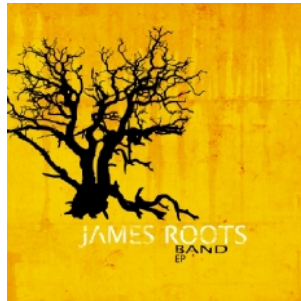
The James Roots Band is not your typical band just seeking to play music, but pursues to make a difference for Christ through what they do. Tom and Molly Richey say, "We love that God uses us for His purpose and feel so very blessed and privileged to serve God in this way in reaching out to all generations through music including not only the body of Christ, but to both the lost and fallen Christians." JRB often seeks to partner with churches and organizations to impact their communities with the love of Christ. They have played for benefit concerts, for nonprofits and recently partnered with a ministry to raise "socks" for the homeless. "We are reaching higher by reaching out. It's not about taking. It's about giving. Our music is about exalting Jesus and He is exalted when the hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, the thirsty are filled and the hurting are healed. This is it. This is what we are about" says keyboardist Chris Knapick.

The James Roots Band has been blessed to share the stage with bands such as Salvador, Detour 180, A Road Less Traveled, The Red Airplanes, and many others. JRB leads worship for churches, Christian events and conferences and also play for festivals and community events.

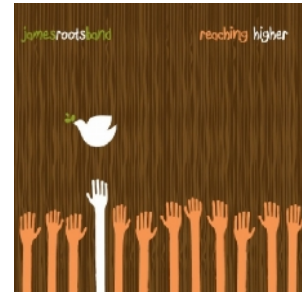
To hear their songs, visit them online at www.jamesrootsband.com. To contact the band, please call (361) 945-2447 or by email at info@jamesrootsband.com. Their music is available on iTunes and Napster.



2006 "You're Everything"



2008 EP



2009 "Reaching Higher"

THE MEANING BEHIND THE MUSIC OF "REACHING HIGHER":

ALWAYS: This fun straight up scriptural praise song was born in the middle of a Bible study through the book of Philippians. James remembers having to step out of the study as they were discussing Chapter 3 and recorded the melody on his phone recorder. James says, "This is a "no matter what comes" kind of praise song reminding us that we are to choose to rejoice in the Lord....always! One thing I'm learning is that joy is a choice. It's not based on circumstances or people but on who Christ is on the inside of me."

REACHING HIGHER: "The lyrics for this song were inspired by the woman in the Bible with the medical problem for 12 years who defied the crowds to touch the hem of Jesus' garment. That's powerful. When we make a commitment to pursue Christ with everything we have, we are sure to experience His power in our lives and that is what worship is all about." Reaching Higher's lyrics were co-written by Rochelle Roots, James' wife and Matt Rohlack helped co-write the melody.

NEARER: This song was inspired from a different woman in the Bible, Mary of Bethany, whose sister was Martha. "I think we can all relate to Mary and Martha. One was a servant and the other a worshipper and we must find the balance. Life sometimes is overwhelming and we are easily distracted from choosing "the best part" which is spending time with God. This song reflects what our heart's prayer should be" says Rochelle Roots, co-writer of this song.

YOU CALL ME: This song sings of a realization that a holy God is summoning His people to meet Him and be transformed in the process. "The thought that God, the creator of the universe, who uses the earth as His footstool, is beckoning me to meet with Him, floors me every time. My favorite line in this song is 'stripping away what I used to be' because when we are in His presence, we cannot help but be changed" states James.

DEEPER IN LOVE: This lyrically poetic love song has a country flair. James says, "My dad was a professional steel guitarist who played in the country music industry for over 30 years. His love for music have influenced me in a big way and it shows in this song."

ALL I WANT TO SAY: Ever had too much to say and nothing to say at the same time? This song reflects a heart that is broken and simply has one response to God, which is "I'm sorry." James says, "One thing God wants is a broken and contrite heart. I'm thankful that God's grace and mercy supersedes my mistakes and gives me a second chance."

ENDORSEMENTS:

“The James Roots Band brings to the worship landscape a new dynamism. Their energy and passion are contagious. Worshipers are brought to new levels of intimacy as they experience Christ expressed through these gifted and skilled musicians and psalmists.”

Donald G. Leavell, Senior Pastor
Corpus Christi Christian Fellowship~Corpus Christi, TX

“The James Roots Band came in with a humble confidence that boosted our attendees with worship music that was a catalyst of a movement of the Spirit of God. They were refreshingly passionate. James Roots and his band are authentic and all are incredibly gifted. I would highly recommend this godly group of Christ followers to lead worship at any event.”

Rudy Garcia, Campus Pastor
Bay Area Fellowship~Kingsville, TX

“Some guys are great singers and instrumentalist, and some are great worship leaders. The latter are those who have a God-given gift to escort others into God’s presence. You are one of those leaders. Thanks James Roots Band for making it happen.”

Tracey Watson, Lead Pastor
Padre Island Baptist Church~Corpus Christi, TX

“Explosive praise and worship with a passion. The minute they step on the stage, you step into the presence of God. It is music that bridges the generational gap.”

Corey Endsley, Associate Pastor
Church of Acts~Corpus Christ, TX

“I personally know the James Roots Band and they’re not only great musicians, but good friends. Before the drop of the first beat, you can already see that Jesus is alive through their appearance and passion for God.”

Taylor Leys, Student Pastor
Gateway Church~Gregory, TX

“James is a deep brother in Christ. The James Roots Band is a powerful platform for the passionate proclamation of the gospel. They are a great partner in ministry.”

Ken White, Assoc. Regional Director
Young Life~Corpus Christi, TX

