

= Between You and Me =

" Between You and Me " is a song by the American contemporary Christian music group DC Talk . Released in 1996 , it was the second radio and commercial single released from the group 's fourth album , Jesus Freak .

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After the unexpected success of the grunge rock single " Jesus Freak , " " Between You and Me " helped to bring DC Talk to a new level of success and solidify them as mainstream artists . The song later earned DC Talk a GMA Dove Award and is the only DC Talk single to have charted on the Billboard Hot 100 . The single was also a Christian radio success and peaked at number one on both the Christian Adult Contemporary and Christian Contemporary Hit Radio CCM Magazine charts .

= = Meaning and composition = =

Lyrically , ? Between You and Me ? stresses the importance of seeking forgiveness from a friend . In addition , the bridge of the song addresses the need for confessing one 's sins to God . DC Talk member Toby McKeehan , co @-@ writer of the song , said that the lyrics simply describe the way relationships work . McKeehan later elaborated in an interview that the song came from his relationship with fellow band members Michael Tait and Kevin Max .

In contrast to many of the DC Talk 's other singles , the Christian message of " Between You and Me " ? the importance of forgiveness and confession ? is heavily implied , although it is not blatantly stated in terms of any specific religion . The only mention of God is featured during the breakdown of the song , which is absent in the radio edit . This removal of God from the song caused some fans of the band to wonder if the group 's record label made a " conscious effort to remove any overt Christian content from the song . "

" Between You and Me " is built around acoustic strumming and synthesized drums , courtesy of Scott Williamson . The song begins with acoustic strumming in the key of G major . The song then moves into the key of E major during the verses . " Between You and Me " features a chorus that is in the key of G major ; in addition , the chorus is composed of " boyish lead vocals " , " sweet harmonies " , and " whirling organs " . During the verses , Michael Tait , Kevin Max , and Toby McKeehan take turns singing lead . The second chorus is followed by a melodic breakdown featuring minimalistic guitar and whispered vocals . The song then repeats the line " It 's my way to freedom " and " I 've got something to say " until the end .

= = Music video = =

The music video for the song features Michael Tait , Kevin Max , and Toby McKeehan performing the song in a laundromat . Interspersed is footage of a man carrying a package while running from two other men . Near the end , he runs into the laundromat where DC Talk are singing and deposits the box in a trash can before leaving . Tait , Max , and McKeehan then reach into the trash can to investigate the contents of the box . Just as the box is opened , the video ends .

The video for " Between You and Me " received regular airtime on MTV and VH1 . While the video was popular , however , the band found it more and more difficult to get airplay on MTV for what they perceived as a bias against the Christian music scene . McKeehan explained that with " Between You and Me " , the group was able to " sneak one past the goalie " , but afterwards the DJs realized that " this group 's from the Christian market " .

= = Release and acclaim = =

The song was released as the second single for Jesus Freak in 1996 . Due to its wide appeal , however , the song was extensively played on many non @-@ Christian stations , leading the single to become a major crossover hit . The song 's surprising rise on the Billboard 's charts was a result of the partnership with Virgin Records . Phil Quartararo , then @-@ CEO of Virgin Records said that " Between You and Me " was " identified early in the game as a very radio @-@ friendly cut . " In addition to " Jesus Freak " and " Colored People , " " Between You and Me " was considered instrumental in breaking DC Talk into the mainstream .

Commercially , the song was a smash hit . The song remains DC Talk 's highest @-@ charting single on mainstream radio , peaking at number 29 on the Billboard Hot 100 single chart . The single was also a Christian radio success . It peaked at number one on both the Christian Adult Contemporary and Christian Contemporary Hit Radio CCM Magazine charts . The fact that the band was able to achieve success impressed many fans and individuals in the music industry . Jay R. Howard and John M. Streck , in their book Apostles of Rock : The Splintered World of Contemporary Christian Music , called it " a significant validation of the music " .

Critically , the song was also a success . Billboard magazine gave the single an extremely positive review and noted that the song and band were helping to shatter the myth that " Christian pop has to be heavy @-@ handed or steeping power @-@ ballad syrup " . The magazine also praised the song for " lyrics [that] remain subtle but forthright in the song 's positive message " . Michael Mehle of the Rocky Mountain News positively noted that the song possessed " Seal @-@ like R & B " qualities . Allmusic awarded the single two @-@ and @-@ a @-@ half stars out of five . " Between You and Me " was successful when it came to the GMA Dove Awards . In 1997 , the song won an award for the best Pop / Contemporary Recorded Song of the Year .

= = Other releases = =

Various version of " Between You and Me " have appeared on several DC Talk official releases , including the band 's greatest hits album Intermission . Interestingly , a live version of " Between You and Me " is not included on the 1997 live release Welcome to the Freak Show . This is due to the fact that " Between You and Me " was not played until the last dates of the tour , after which the recording had already taken place . The music video , however , was included on the DVD release of the album . " Between You and Me " also appears on the compilation album WOW 1997 . The song was also covered by both Relient K and the team @-@ up of Paul Wright and Ayiesha Woods for the tribute album Freaked !

= = Track listing = =

US Commercial Single

" Between You and Me " (Radio Edit) ? 3 : 47

" So Help Me God " ? 4 : 39

European Commercial Single

" Between You and Me " (Radio Edit) ? 3 : 47

" So Help Me God " ? 4 : 39

" The Hardway " ? 5 : 18

" Between You and Me " (Album Version) ? 4 : 59

= = Chart positions = =

= = Album credits = =