

# TOBYMAC

## Artist:

TOBYMAC  
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## Album Title &amp; Record Company:

HEAVEN ON MY MIND  
FOREFRONT RECORDS

## Video Title:

GOODBYE (FOR GABE)

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## Playlist

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## Theme

Life; Purpose/Meaning, Hope, Loss

## Objective

Students will reflect on loss and the purpose of life, recognizing the legacy of faith, hope, and love they can leave behind.

## Warm Up

*Remember Me*– Hand out the *Student Guide* and have students write responses to these questions:

- What do you hope will be written on your tombstone someday?
- How do you want to be remembered?
- What lasting impact do you hope to have on the world?

Allow time for reflection and sharing.

## Transition

- Have you ever thought about how you'll be remembered?
- Was it hard to put into words? Why?

Death is an unavoidable part of life, and while it can be difficult to discuss, understanding the impact we have on others can shape how we live today.

## The Video

As we watch the "Goodbye (For Gabe)" music video, pay attention to how TobyMac remembers his friend and the legacy he left.

Play the "Goodbye (For Gabe)" music video by TobyMac.

- What do the lyrics reveal about Gabe's character?
- What kind of legacy did he leave?

## Transition

Gabe Patillo was a longtime member of TobyMac's Diverse City band. He was known for his talent, kindness, energy, and most of all, his deep faith. His life was a reflection of Christ.

## Bible Study

Times of grief can leave us questioning where God is. Let's see what Scripture tells us.

### Finding God In Loss

Assign individuals or groups to read the following passages aloud:

- » **Psalm 34:18**
- » **Psalm 23:4**
- » **Matthew 5:4**
- » **1 Peter 5:6-7**
- » **Romans 8:18**
- » **Romans 8:38-39**

- Where is God in suffering and loss?
- How does God make His presence known to us?
- How does knowing that God is near help us during grief?

### Read **John 11:17-35**

Jesus arrives after Lazarus has been dead for four days. He meets with Martha and Mary, who are mourning their brother's death, and witnesses the grief of those around Him.

- How does this passage show Jesus understands our pain?
- How does the cross further demonstrate to us that Jesus knows loss and suffering?

### Leaving A Legacy

Read **Matthew 6:19-21**

Jesus talks about two types of treasures—those on Earth and those in Heaven—and encourages His followers to focus on what truly lasts.

- What does storing up "treasures in Heaven" mean?
- How does this change our priorities?

### Read **Hebrews 12:1-2**

The passage describes a "great cloud of witnesses" and urges believers to run their race with endurance, keeping their eyes on Jesus.

- What do these verses teach about the idea of legacy?
- How can keeping our eyes on Jesus help us leave a lasting impact?

## Wrap Up

Loss is a part of life, but we are not alone—God is with us in our pain. Jesus understands grief, and He calls us to live with purpose, leaving a legacy of faith and love.

- How does knowing that life is temporary shape the way you live today?
- In what ways can you be intentional about leaving a legacy that points others to Christ?
- How can faith in Jesus bring hope even in times of loss?
- Who in your life has been an example of living with purpose? What have you learned from them?

End in prayer, reminding students that they are deeply loved.

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