

At age sixteen Jennie Wellsand realized what it meant to be saved by grace. While raised in a few different churches growing up, Jennie landed at a nondenominational church in Valparaiso, Indiana in 2002 and began taking guitar lessons. Worship leaders from her local church took Jennie under their wings and taught her how to not only play acoustic guitar, but to sing strong melodies and find harmonies as well. Since 2002, Jennie's been leading worship at multiple churches in Valpo and now attends the Valparaiso Nazarene Church (you can watch the Wednesday night & Sunday morning services online at www.valponaz.org).

As years of playing guitar and leading worship passed, Jennie knew one day she would release a worship album. *ie that is to say* is a testimony of the grace that surrounds Jennie and her team. A lot of the songs written on *ie that is to say* display God's grace, beauty and His creation. *"Everything we see on this earth was created by God and that's something we need to be aware of. Each time Austin Hill and I sat down to write songs, lyrics that declared who God is and the beauty that we see in His creation continued to flow out of us."* Many of the lyrics Jennie & Austin write proclaim God's work such as, *if your love were the stars, 10000 nights could not contain them and I find you in the night with the beauty of the golden sunset, I find you in the day with the brilliance of the changing leaves, purple mountains tell Your great glory and the reason why we sing.* Jennie continued to say that, *"It was so incredible to see God work in this album release. I couldn't have spent my 25th birthday any better way than to have the release of ie that is to say. God exceeded my expectations at the release. There were over 200 people at the event, many of whom haven't been in a church building for a long while. It's refreshing to see the impact God's made through me in my community. It's also amazing to see how perfectly God put everyone in my life that was supposed to work on this album with me."* Jennie has seen God's hand upon every area of this album release from writing, recording, mixing and mastering the album, all the way to the production of the album and release event. *"I thank God for His perfect timing & amazing friends that were perfect pieces in the puzzle of my life and ministry."*

Jennie named the album *ie that is to say* because her name is spelled with an *ie*. *"My name is not Jenny with a y, or Jennifer, it's Jennie with an ie and I've been saying that my entire life, I was named after my great grandma."* I.e. literally means that is to say and Jennie decided it would be a great name for a worship album. The song *That Is To Say* was actually the last song written on the album by Jennie and Austin.

One of Jennie's favorite lyrics on the album is found in *Winter Song*. The chorus sings, *the bright lights in cities fail, compared to Your love.* *"Despite all the beauty we see and how much we stand in awe of God's creation, or man's creation for that matter, the bright lights in cities completely fail to the Lord's love He has for us, everything in this world fails to God's love and beauty. 1 Corinthians 2:9 states, no eye has seen, no ear has heard and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him. I pray God would continue to show us His love as we continue to seek His word and ways!"*

ie that is to say was released June 14th 2011 and can be found on iTunes or amazon.com. A free download of **10000 Nights** can be found at www.JennieWellsand.com as well as a few other songs from the album. A complete list of tour dates can also be found at this website, be sure to keep posted with Jennie's travels & blogs through this site too.

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