

A Million Reasons

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For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12 NLT

- 1. Often the most <u>meaningful</u> <u>times</u> in life will follow the most <u>difficult</u> <u>trials</u>
 - Your enemy will give you a million reasons to <u>quit</u> whatever <u>matters</u> <u>most</u>
 - You only need <u>one good reason</u> to stay the course

A Million Reasons

(Chorus)

You're giving me a million reasons to let you go You're giving me a million reasons to quit the show You're giving me a million reasons

If I had a highway, I would run for the hills
If you could find a dry way, I'd forever be still
But you're giving me a millions reasons

2. Pressing on when you feel like giving up

²³ Jesus replied, "Now the time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory... ²⁷ "Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, 'Father, save me from this hour'? But this is the very reason I came! John 12:23, 27 NLT

3. Why did Jesus come to earth and die?

- He came for sinners
- He did it for the joy awaiting him
- The joy is you

² Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. ³ Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

Hebrews 12:2-3 NLT

I bow down to pray
I try to make the worst seem better
Lord, show me the way
To cut through all this worn our leather
I've got a hundred millions reasons to walk away
But baby, I just need one good one to stay

Next Steps:
☐ I choose Jesus, who chose me by dying on the cross. Today I give my life to him.
☐ Commit to stay the course and not give up on what I know God wants me to do:
☐ Ask for God's help to start over with
☐ Attend the rest of the "Playlist" series