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MATT MAHER'S "YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH" CLIMBS INTO TOP 5 OF BILLBOARD AC-MONITORED RADIO CHART; TOMORROW, SATURDAY, MAY 31, MARKS LAUNCH OF *EMPTY & BEAUTIFUL* INTO SPACE

"Your Grace Is Enough" is Currently Reaching Nearly 14 Million People Each Week

(Nashville, Tenn.) May 30, 2008 - Singer/Songwriter/Worship Leader **Matt Maher**, has plenty of reason to look up. Not only is his current, self-written radio single, **"Your Grace Is Enough"** continuing to climb the radio charts, but tomorrow afternoon (Sat., May 31, 2008), his new album, ***Empty & Beautiful***, will launch into space on **NASA**'s **Space Shuttle Discovery Mission STS-124**, which is scheduled to launch on from the **John F. Kennedy Space Center** in Florida. Maher's current single at radio, "Your Grace Is Enough," is No. 4 at *Billboard* Christian AC-Monitored and AC-Indicator, as well as No. 6 at *CRW* AC.

On Maher's 12-track, Essential Records debut album, *Empty & Beautiful* (4/8/08), he breaks open the two simple words in the title, through songs that are both corporate and reflective; driving and soft; each one telling the story from a different perspective. *Empty & Beautiful* was co-produced by Matt Maher and Jeff Thomas, except for, "As It Is In Heaven," which was produced by Ed Cash (Chris Tomlin, Bebo Norman, Bethany Dillon). Maher describes the heart behind his Essential Records debut, "The realization of our own emptiness without God is both a moment of sadness, and a window to joy, which opens to something so much bigger and more beautiful than ourselves. To lay down one's life for the Gospel in service of God and neighbor, is a reflection of the beauty of God. That is our charge as Christians, and that is where these songs came from." Maher is still involved in local church ministry at St. Timothy Catholic Community, in Mesa, Ariz., as well as working closely with two national Catholic ministries, *Life Teen*, a worldwide Catholic youth ministry, and *Adore Ministries*, based out of Houma, La.

For upcoming tour dates and additional information on Matt Maher, visit www.mattmahermusic.com.

For a hi-res image of Matt Maher (photo credit, Micah Kandros), click:
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