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What to do, what to do? The members of **4 Him** found themselves asking those very questions early this year when their record label, Benson Records, shut its doors for good. Their last album, *Hymns*, demonstrated (despite having some quality material) that this group could possibly be running out of steam and out of ideas. If ever a group needed a fresh start and reinvigoration, it was 4 Him.

Fortunately, they got both, in the form of a new record deal with Word Records, which quickly snatched them up when Benson folded. And now we have *Walk On*, the award-winning quartet's eighth studio album (bearing a somewhat symbolic title). One can only assume that Brent Bourgeois, who worked with 4 Him in their collaboration on the *Streams* project last year, was probably instrumental in this move to Word. Bourgeois produced half of the album's twelve tracks; Mark Heimermann took the other half. Unsurprisingly, it's Bourgeois who provides the most organic, most textured new sounds for the group to work with.

The twelve songs featured on *Walk On* push gently at the envelope of musical progression for 4 Him, allowing them more introspective, thoughtful moments. The producers, and Bourgeois especially,

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Petra	Revival	11/20	layer the group's great harmonies with complexities and rich melodic arrangements that sound a bit "retro," and prove to be quite soothing.
Audio Adrenaline	Lift	11/20	
The Deadlines	Fashion Over Function	11/20	Lyrically, the group sounds a little more melancholy than usual, addressing the hardships of life head-on, but still finding hope and encouragement in the midst of their struggles. There are less of the group's high-energy pop numbers this time, as they settle into more of a mid-tempo/ballad groove. There are a few pop songs though, such as "This Is My Declaration" and "One Foot In the Water." We even get a few praise & worship songs, such as "Psalm 112" and "Who You Are."
Five Iron Frenzy	Electric Boogaloo	11/20	
Deepspace 5	The Night We Called It A Day	11/20	
Jennifer Knapp	The Way I Am	11/20	
Sandi Patty	All the Best - Live	11/20	
ZOEGirl	Life	11/20	
Various	Rocketown Records: 5	12/18	The guys have still got it where it counts, vocally, and <i>Walk On</i> is a pleasing new direction for them. It's not a profound change, though, just a bit of a modernized detour. Pop fans may be disappointed by the inspirational tone of the album, but longtime 4 Him fans will probably enjoy this slight modernizing of an old favorite.
Tim Hughes	Here I Am to Worship	12/24	

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