

## What If We Were Real?

Continuing the topic of songs, have you heard the song "What If We Were Real" by Christian Gospel artist Mandisa?

*Well, I'm tired of saying everything/I feel like I'm supposed to say  
I'm tired of smiling all the time/I wanna throw the mask away . . .*

We keep tryin to make it look so nice/And we keep hidin' what's goin on inside  
But what if I share my brokenness/What if you share how you feel

I'm over hidin my tears/I think I'm gonna let em' go  
I'm over actin so strong/When I ain't even in control . . .

Why can't we open our hearts and let everybody see

We'd think a little less of ourselves/We'd care about somebody else  
'Cause we'd know just how they feel/Maybe we could let someone love us  
Maybe we'd be a little more like Jesus/Why can't we learn to be real

It's because of this concept of being real, sharing our brokenness and hearts, that a friend of mine is starting her own web talk show. It's not about making people feel good with warm-fuzzy inspirational stories, but tackling the issues which no one else will address. It's not about being politically correct and polite, but speaking up for those who have no voice. Because there's more people out there who've been wounded, abused, abandoned, lied to, cheated on, rejected, and mislabeled than there are happy, whole individuals who have their acts together.

Isn't it a relief to learn someone's gone through what you've gone through? Doesn't it ignite a spark of hope when you hear someone express what you feel? When you know you're not alone, your perspective changes. Sunlight pieces the dark clouds and you know despite the rain, there's going to be a rainbow.

Stay tuned for more information on this show. It's going to be awesome and I'm looking forward to watching it. Meanwhile, let's be real with one another. Because anything else isn't.