Artist: Miley Cyrus  
Song: “We Can’t Stop”  
Album: Bangerz (album release 10/8/13)  
Billboard.com #3 on this week’s Hot 100 (8/29/13)  
Current iTunes #9 Downloaded Single (8/29/13)

[Intro:]  
It’s our party we can do what we want  
It’s our party we can say what we want  
It’s our party we can love who we want  
We can kiss who we want  
We can screw who we want

[Verse 1:]  
Red cups and sweaty bodies everywhere  
Hands in the air like we don’t care  
‘Cause we came to have so much fun now  
Bet somebody here might get some now  
If you’re not ready to go home  
Can I get a “Hell, no!”?  
‘Cause we’re gonna go all night  
‘Til we see the sunlight, alright

[Chorus:]  
So la da di da di, we like to party  
Dancing with Molly, doing whatever we want  
This is our house, this is our rules  
And we can’t stop, and we won’t stop

Can’t you see it’s we who own the night  
Can’t you see it’s we who bout’ that life  
And we can’t stop, and we won’t stop  
We run things, Things don’t run we  
We don’t take nothing from nobody, yeah, yeah

[Verse 2:]  
To my home girls here with the big butt  
Shaking it like we at a strip club  
Remember only God can judge ya  
Forget the haters ‘cause somebody loves ya  
And everyone in line in the bathroom  
Trying to get a line in the bathroom  
We all so turned up here  
Getting turned up, yeah, yeah, C’mon

[Bridge:]  
It’s our party we can do what we want to  
It’s our house we can love who we want to  
It’s our song we can sing if we want to  
It’s my mouth I can say what I want to  
Yeah, Yeah, Yeah

It’s pretty evident that we aren’t listening to Hannah Montana anymore. Miley is now 20 years old and obviously going in a different direction with your music. What themes (ideas/messages) do you hear in this song?

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Take a look at these particular phrases. What is Miley talking about in these lyrics? If you need help, use Google and do a search for these phrases.

“Dancing with Molly” __________________________________________________________
“Trying to get a line in the bathroom” _____________________________________________
“We all so turned up here” ______________________________________________________
“Somebody here might get some now” _____________________________________________
Most all music is meant to communicate a message or story. For most artists, a goal is to reflect their personal identity in their music. In a sentence or two, write in your own words what you think Miley is trying to say about herself in this song.

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Look up these scripture passages and read them. How do these passages speak to the themes in these lyrics from “We Can’t Stop”?

**Galatians 5:16-24**  
“it’s our party we can do what we want to…”

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**Proverbs 23:29-33**  
“red cups and sweaty bodies everywhere” & “Getting turned up…”

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**1 Peter 5:5-8**  
“we run things, things don’t run we / we don’t take nothing from nobody”

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Watch this Billboard interview segment from Miley…
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWIGSGfC6xM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWIGSGfC6xM)

Miley says that “We Can’t Stop” is like the more mature “Party in the USA”. It’s not only about not caring what people say, but about “living for right now and being with people who really matter.” How do you feel about Miley’s statements. What do you agree and/or disagree with?

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Who are the people who matter most to you? As a Christ follower, does your desire for Godliness effect your affection for people? How is the story in “We Can’t Stop” consistent with the life YOU want to live with the people who matter most? How is it different?

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Time to choose. On a scale of 1-10, rate how you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you in the decision to have “We Can’t Stop” in YOUR life’s soundtrack.

Delete it  1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  Keep it

Keep Philippians 4:4-9 in mind through all your discussions of music and media.

NOTE TO PARENTS…
You may choose to watch Miley’s music video for “We Can’t Stop”. The video set a new record as it reached “certified” status (100 million views) in 37 days. I suggest you preview the video before watching it with your teen and make your own decision whether it’s appropriate for your teen to see and if you want to include it as part of your discussion. The link to the video is [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrUvu1mlWco](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrUvu1mlWco).