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*01 – Drinkin' Gourd 02 – Freedom Train 03 – Let The Mothers Step Up 04 – Have A Heart
05 – The Right Thing 06 – Death Row Blues 07 – Can't Please Everybody 08 – The Lord's
Work 09 – With My Maker I Am One 10 – They Know 11 – She Got Mine 12 – Good Like You
13 – One Day At A Time 14 – Now 15 – Nanibali 16 – Currency Of Love (Bonus Track)*

Several years in the making, this is Eric Bibb's most innovative recording to date and the best album ever released by Dixiefrog over the course of 27 years. The producer, Glen Scott, who Eric calls "a kindred soul", comes from a tradition of Gospel and Black heritage music. Through this collaboration Eric has further expanded his soulful, gospel-infused folk blues palette to include new flavors and sounds. Eric's last album, the acclaimed *Deeper in the Well*, was nominated for two Blues Music Awards (winning him the 2013 Acoustic Artist award)
---thejazzmann.com

"The new record is an ambitious studio project that's been a few years in the making," Bibb says in a press release for *Jericho Road*. "It was produced by Glen Scott, a singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, recording engineer, arranger and producer, who I've had the pleasure of collaborating with on several earlier albums. This record reflects many of the musical influences that have informed my writing throughout my career. World music sounds, blues, folk and soul all find their way into these songs."

Bibb explains the inspiration behind *Jericho Road*. "The title refers to the road between Jerusalem and Jericho where the Good Samaritan, a traveler of a despised race, stopped to

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help a stranger in need after better-off religious leaders had passed by and done nothing. On April 3, 1968, the night before his death, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King urged us to follow the example of the Good Samaritan, saying: 'Ultimately, you cannot save yourself without saving others.' If this record has a theme, that's it in a nutshell: have a heart." ---Reverend Keith A. Gordon, blues.about.com

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