

Available

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This is the first song I ever wrote and it was my attempt to convey the great longing of my heart ... *to be used in God's work for God's glory*. I'm not sure how Greg made the tune work with my initial intro into the songwriting world, but, as always, he rose to the occasion.

When I was a youngster, many missionaries came to our church to present their heart for the harvest. To be honest, not many stand out in my young memory, *but God used one missionary family to profoundly stir my heart*. I only wish I could remember who they were and what field they were going to. I would like to thank them for altering the course of my life. As a family they sang one song to our church. The only word I can remember in the song was "Available." That word has never let me go.

So when I got the idea to write a song, I could think of no better theme than that of availability. A few years later, I reworked the third verse to include the cross. I am embarrassed that originally I had not included any mention of the gospel. It is Jesus' finished work on Calvary that compels us to be available to Christ and abandoned to His cause.