

Available

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"And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?'" (Acts 22:10)

"Available" 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. When I was a youngster, many missionaries came to our church to present their hearts 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. If I could, I would like to thank them for altering the course of my life.

This missionary family sang one song to our church during their presentation. I was probably 7-8 years old at the time. For some reason that I will never recall, we had to sit in the very back of the auditorium. Perhaps we were late or sick. Such a departure from the ordinary could be a reason why their song struck a chord in my little heart. The only word I can remember in the song was **available**. That word has never let me go. One thing I clearly recall is thinking in that back pew that God had sent this family to our church because He wanted me.

So several years later when I desired to write my first song, I could think of no better theme than that of availability to God for His great cause. My ambition in life is to remain available to the One who lived and died for me. He can do whatever He desires with me.