# YES

WORDS AND MUSIC BY DAN MEREDITH
CHORUS
NOT SAYING NO IS NOT THE SAME AS SAYING YES.
JESUS GAVE HIS ALL, SHOULD YOU GIVE HIM ANY LESS?
IF YOU'RE REALLY HIS SHOULD PEOPLE HAVE TO GUESS?
DO MY QUESTIONS BRING YOUR HEART DISTRESS?
GIVE YOUR LIFE TO HIM AND ALL YOUR SINS CONFESS.
HE'S KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR, WILL YOU ANSWER YES?

SUNDAY MORNING COMES AND BACK YOU GO AGAIN LIKE EVERY SUNDAY MORNING SINCE WHO REMEMBERS WHEN. YOU HEAR THAT JESUS DIED AND THEN HE ROSE AGAIN. TO TAKE YOU TO HEAVEN FOR ETERNITY TO SPEND.

ETERNITY SEEMS FAR AWAY BUT YOU LIVE HERE TODAY.
YOU'VE GOT THINGS YOU NEED TO DO AND SO YOU TURN WAY.
YOU'LL DEAL WITH JESUS LATER WHEN YOU HAVE TIME TO PRAY.
YOU KEEP JESUS WAITING WHILE DECIDING WHAT TO SAY.

### CHORUS

YOU WANT YOUR SALVATION SO YOU'RE CLAIMING JESUS' NAME. BUT YOUR LIFE'S NO DIFFERENT, AND YOUR HEART HAS STAYED THE SAME. WHEN THINGS ARE GOING WELL YOU WANT ALL THE FAME. BUT WHEN THE TROUBLES COME, WELL GOD MUST BE TO BLAME.

YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN PLAY THE GAME ON BOTH SIDES OF THE WALL. EACH DAY YOUR HEART GROWS COLDER AS YOU IGNORE HIS CALL. YOU LOOK OUT FOR NUMBER ONE AND YOU HAVE THE GALL TO THINK HE'LL TAKE JUST PART OF YOU AND THEN GIVE YOU HIS ALL.

### CHORUS

# **BRIDGE**

YOU WANT TO GIVE YOUR LIFE TO HIM BUT YOU ARE AFRAID. IT WOULD BE THE WORST MISTAKE THAT YOU HAVE EVER MADE. YOU'VE BUILT YOUR LIFE AND YOU CONTROL THE THINGS YOU WANT TO DO. YOU FORGET THAT JESUS DIED SO HE COULD LIVE WITH YOU.

### CHORUS

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# LORD, WE HONOR YOU

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YOU ALONE ARE WORTHY OF OUR HONOR.
SO, OH LORD, WE HONOR YOU.
THOSE WHO HONOR YOU, YOU WILL HONOR.
WE SEEK TO HONOR YOU IN ALL WE DO

THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT TO A MAN. LORD, WE HONOR YOU. YOUR WAYS, OH LORD, THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND. LORD, WE HO NOR YOU. WHEN WE FOLLOW YOU WE RUN AGAINST THE GRAIN. LORD, WE HONOR YOU. WHAT WE LOSE IS NOTHING NEXT TO WHAT WE GAIN. LORD. WE HONOR YOU.

## **CHORUS**

WE SEEK TO LIVE OUR LIVES BY YOUR MASTER PLAN. LORD, WE HONOR YOU.
WE CHOOSE THE ROCK & REJECT THE SINKING SAND. LORD, WE HONOR YOU.
THOUGH THE WORLD MAY MOCK AND STAND AGAINST US, LORD, WE HONOR YOU.
WE CHOOSE TO GIVE OUR LIVES TO YOU, LORD JESUS. LORD, WE HONOR YOU.

### **CHORUS**

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# THE SINGER

WORDS BY MARK CABLE AND DAN MEREDITH
MUSIC BY DAN MEREDITH
A SINGER CAME INTO THE CITY WITH ONLY HIS GUITAR.
THE PEOPLE WONDERED IF HE WAS THE LONG AWAITED STAR.
HE AMAZED THEM ONE AND ALL, HE SANG A DIFFERENT SONG.
HE WASN'T LIKE THE OTHER SINGERS, HE WANTED THEM TO SING ALONG.

### **CHORUS**

SHALOM I LEAVE WITH YOU. SHALOM I GIVE TO YOU. LOVE ONE ANOTHER EVEN AS I LOVE YOU.

HE WANTED EVERYONE TO HEAR AND SO HE PLAYED FOR FREE. THE OTHER SINGERS ALL WERE JEALOUS OF HIS POPULARITY. PEOPLE CAME FROM FAR AND WIDE JUST TO HEAR THIS SINGER SING. AND EVERY SONG THAT HE SANG CAME DOWN TO JUST ONE THING.

# **CHORUS**

THEN HE CHOSE TWELVE MUSICIANS. THEY PERFORMED EVERY DAY. AND EVEN WHEN THE HALL WAS FULL, THEY TURNED NO ONE AWAY. THEY SANG HIS SONG AND SPREAD HIS MESSAGE EVERYWHERE THEY'D GO. AND EVERYONE IN TOWN WAS SINGING THAT SONG THEY'D COME TO KNOW.

# **CHORUS**

SOON THE OTHER SINGERS KNEW THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE. THE PEOPLE HAD TURNED AWAY FROM THEM AND WERE SINGING THIS SINGER'S SONG. SO THEY TRIED TO FIND SOMETHING THAT HE HAD DONE WRONG. BUT ALL THIS SINGER EVER DID WAS SING HIS LOVE SONG.

# **CHORUS**

BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT TO JOIN HIM AND WANTED TO BE STARS, THEY TOOK HIM AND NAILED HIM TO A TREE AND SMASHED HIS GUITAR. THE PEOPLE STOPPED THEIR SINGING. IT WASN'T QUITE THE SAME. UNTIL THREE DAYS LATER HE WAS BACK, AND THEY ALL JOINED IN AGAIN.

### **CHORUS**

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# LET'S GIVE LOVE A CHANCE

WORDS AND MUSIC BY DAN MEREDITH
SUNDAY EVENING, SIX O'CLOCK,
HE DROPS HIS SON OFF HALF WAY DOWN THE BLOCK
FROM THE HOUSE WHERE HE LIVED.
NOW ITS HERS, NO LONGER HIS.
THE BOY WALKS HOME, AND TURNS THE KEY.
NO ONE HEARS HIS SILENT PLEA.
HE DOESN'T NEED A WEEKEND FRIEND
HE WANTS HIS FAMILY BACK AGAIN.

## CHORUS

LET'S GIVE LOVE A CHANCE LOVE IS MORE THAN JUST ROMANCE FEELINGS COME AND FEELINGS GO IT TAKES COMMITMENT FOR LOVE TO GROW

FALLING IN AND OUT OF LOVE
DEPENDING WHAT THE OTHER DOES
SELFISH DEEDS BRING SUCH PAIN
TO LITTLE ONES WHO SHARE NO BLAME
HOW WILL THEIR SON EVER LEARN
LOVE IS A GIFT, IT IS NOT EARNED
HE'LL HAVE TO LEARN ON HIS OWN
'CAUSE GOD'S LOVE WAS NEVER SHOWN

### CHORUS

SUNDAY MORNING, TEN O' CLOCK
AT THE CHURCH JUST DOWN THE BLOCK
IN GOD'S HOUSE, THEY'RE TAUGHT THE WORD
I WONDER IF THEY EVER HEARD
THAT THE BIBLE IS THE KEY?
DO THEY HEAR HIS LOVING PLEA?
GOD DOESN'T NEED A SUNDAY FRIEND
HE WANTS THEM IN HIS ARMS AGAIN

## BRIDGE

NO MATTER WHAT MAN MAY SAY JESUS IS THE BETTER WAY IT'S TIME TO REALIZE THAT SUCCESS IS GIVING FAMILY YOUR BEST

CHORUS

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# HE IS STRONG

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I READ THAT VERSE AND I SHOOK MY HEAD
I'D RATHER GO MY OWN WAY INSTEAD
"HATE WHAT IS EVIL; CLING TO WHAT IS GOOD"
LOVE MY ENEMIES LIKE I SHOULD.
"BLESS THOSE WHO PERSECUTE... AND DO NOT CURSE"
OH, CAN'T WE JUST IGNORE THAT VERSE.
SOMETIMES I'M SO WEAK
THAT I WON'T EVEN SEEK.

## **CHORUS**

IF IN OUR WEAKNESS HE IS STRONG, THEN HE MUST BE STRONG IN ME OH, HOW I LONG FOR THE STRENGTH TO BE LIVING THE LOVE HE HAS BORN IN ME. OH LORD, BE STRONG IN ME.

I READ THE PAPER AND I COULD NOT GUESS WHY THE WORLD IS SUCH A MESS.
IF ONLY THE CHURCH WOULD TAKE A STAND AND LIVE UP TO THE LORD'S COMMAND.
THEN THE LORD OPENED UP MY EYES SUDDENLY I REALIZED FOR THE WORLD TO SEE
IT MUST BEGIN WITH ME

**CHORUS** 

BRIDGE:

I CAN'T BE MY BEST UNTIL I LEARN TO REST IN THE STRENGTH YOU GIVE FOR EACH DAY WE LIVE

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# IAM

Additional Words and Music by Dan Meredith JOHN 6:35 I AM THE BREAD, THE BREAD OF LIFE. HE WHO COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY

JOHN 11:25 I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE EVEN THOUGH HE DIES

JOHN 14:6

I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME

THE CROWDS HAD COME TO JESUS LISTENING TO HIM THEY COULD SEE THE SURFACE, HE COULD SEE WITHIN THEY WANTED SIGNS AND WONDERS AND SOME HEAVENLY BREAD BUT JESUS SAW A GREATER NEED AND HERE IS WHAT HE SAID: JOHN 6:35

LAZARUS WAS DEAD AND LAID IN THE GRAVE MARTHA KNEW THAT EVEN THEN JESUS COULD SAVE O LORD, IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE, MY BROTHER WOULD NOT BE DEAD BUT THIS WAS ALL THE MASTER'S PLAN AND HERE IS WHAT HE SAID: JOHN 11:25

IN THE UPPER ROOM, THE LORD TOLD THE ELEVEN ABOUT HIS FATHER'S HOUSE, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN THEN DEAR THOMAS SAID, "LORD, WE DON'T KNOW THE WAY." PATIENTLY HE ANSWER HIM AND THEY ALL HEARD HIM SAY: JOHN 14:6 COPYRIGHT © 1994 DANIEL M. MEREDITH II

## PRAYER

Words and Music by Dan Meredith
LORD I PRAY TO YOU
FOR THIS SPECIAL FRIEND
THANK YOU FOR THIS BLESSING
HIS FRIENDSHIP KNOWS NO END.
BUT AS YOU KNOW HE NEEDS YOU
IN THIS DARKEST HOUR
HE NEEDS YOUR SPECIAL TOUCH
HE NEEDS YOUR AWESOME POWER.

# CHORUS

REMIND HIM OF YOUR PRESENCE AND GIVE HIM STRENGTH JUST NOW SURROUND HIM IN YOUR LOVE AND BRING HIM THROUGH SOMEHOW HIS HEART NEEDS YOUR ANCHOR PLEASE HOLD HIM CLOSE TO YOU I KNOW THAT YOU LOVE HIM MORE EVEN THAN I DO.

## CHORUS

LORD I LOVE THIS FRIEND YOU'VE MADE HIM MY BROTHER AND HIS LIFE HAS TOUCHED ME UNLIKE ANY OTHER I SEE THE PAIN HE'S FEELING IT BREAKS MY HEART IN TWO I'M POWERLESS LORD, TO HELP HIM I GIVE MY FRIEND TO YOU.

### CHORUS

OVERWHELM HIM WITH YOUR PEACE THAT WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND AND KEEP HIM SAFE AND WARM INSIDE YOUR LOVING HAND AND EASE THE PAIN HE FEELS AND BRING JOY FROM HIS TEARS REMIND HIM THAT YOU'RE WITH HIM AND MAKE CALM ALL HIS FEARS COPYRIGHT © 1997 DANIEL M. MEREDITH II

# THE OUESTION

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A YOUNG MAN CAME TO THE LORD
HE KNEW WHAT HE WANTED TO HEAR
HE HAD KEPT THE LAW ALL HIS LIFE
THE KINGDOM OF GOD MUST BE NEAR
JESUS LOOKED TENDERLY INTO HIS EYES
AND SAW ALL THE WAY TO HIS HEART
"SELL WHAT YOU HAVE AND GIVE TO THE POOR"
THE WORDS TORE THE YOUNG MAN APART.
HE SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE BUILDING HIS WEALTH
YET HE TREATED EVERYONE RIGHT
HE WAS PROUD OF THE GOOD HE HAD DONE
BUT IT COULD NOT STAND UP IN THE LIGHT.

## **CHORUS**

THE QUESTION NOW BEFORE HIM
COULD HE GIVE UP ALL HE KNEW
AND FOLLOW A SIMPLE CARPENTER
WHOSE SIMPLE WORDS HE KNEW WERE TRUE?
COULD HE LAY DOWN ALL HE WORKED FOR
HIS GREATEST SOURCE OF PRIDE?
OR WOULD HE SADLY TURN AWAY
FROM THE TRUTH HE KNEW INSIDE?
THE QUESTION NOW BEFORE HIM
COULD HE GIVE UP ALL HE KNEW? CAN YOU?

A YOUNG MAN WENT INTO A CHURCH
HE KNEW WHAT HE WANTED TO HEAR
HE HAD STUDIED THE KNOWLEDGE OF MAN
THE WORLD SEEMED CRYSTAL CLEAR
THE PASTOR LOOKED INTO HIS EYES
AND HIS WORDS TORE INTO HIS HEART
"SCIENCE DOES NOT HAVE THE ANSWERS YOU NEED"
NOW HIS WORLD WAS COMING APART.
HE SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE SEEKING KNOWLEDGE
HE ASSUMED HE WAS LEARNING THE TRUTH
EVEN RELIGIOUS MEN TAUGHT HIM THE LIES
COULD IT BE THAT HE WASTED HIS YOUTH?

### CHORUS

### VERSE 3

WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO MAKE THEM BELIEVE? WHAT WILL IT TAKE FOR YOU? THEY HAVE SEEN ALL THE PROOF THAT THEY NEED OH MY FRIEND, YOU'VE SEEN IT, TOO.

# FINAL CHORUS

THE QUESTION NOW BEFORE YOU
CAN YOU GIVE UP ALL YOU KNEW
AND FOLLOW A SIMPLE CARPENTER
WHOSE SIMPLE WORDS YOU KNOW ARE TRUE?
CAN YOU LAY DOWN ALL YOU'VE WORKED FOR
YOUR GREATEST SOURCE OF PRIDE?
OR WILL YOU SADLY TURN AWAY
FROM THE TRUTH YOU KNOW INSIDE?
THE QUESTION NOW BEFORE YOU
CAN YOU GIVE UP ALL YOU KNEW? CAN YOU?
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## LOVE ME MORE

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IF I WENT TO A FOREIGN FIELD,
ENDURING HARDSHIPS IN THAT LAND,
PERSECUTED FOR MY FAITH,
AND SUFFERING AT THE NATIVES' HAND.
SURELY THEN, YOU WOULD LOVE ME MORE,
YOUR BLESSINGS WOULD INCREASE.
FOR I'D HAVE EARNED SOME SPECIAL GRACE
FOR GIVING UP MY LIFE OF EASE.
WHY DO I FEEL I NEED TO EARN

THE LOVE YOU GIVE TO ME? HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE MY HEART TO LEARN? OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE.

### CHORUS

WHAT DEED COULD MAKE YOU LOVE ME MORE?
WHAT SIN COULD MAKE YOU LOVE ME LESS?
THE LOVE THAT YOU LIVE THE BLESSINGS YOU GIVE,
ARE NOT DEPENDENT ON MY DEEDS.
YOUR LOVE MAKES ME LOVE YOU MORE.
YOUR LOVE MAKES ME WANT SIN LESS.
I WANT TO LIVE THE EXAMPLE YOU GIVE.
LORD, SPREAD YOUR LOVE THROUGH ME.

IF I STUMBLED AND I FELL,
INTO THE DARKEST SIN.
BETRAYED MY PROMISES TO YOU,
YIELDING TO DESIRES WITHIN.
SURELY THEN YOU WOULD LOVE ME LESS.
YOUR CARING WOULD DECREASE.
YOUR COMPASSION WOULD BE LOST.
YOUR AFFECTION FOR ME WOULD CEASE.
WHY DO I FEEL I NEED TO EARN
THE LOVE YOU GIVE TO ME?
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE MY HEART TO LEARN?
OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE.

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# I GET TO BE YOUR MAN

WORDS AND MUSIC BY DAN MEREDITH
CHORUS
IF BEHIND EVERY GOOD MAN, THERE IS A GREAT WOMAN
THEN I SHOULD BE A BETTER MAN.
THE WAY THAT YOU LOVE ME, CARE FOR AND SUPPORT ME
I WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND.
I LOOK IN YOUR EYES AND I SEE JESUS, I FEEL HIS TOUCH IN YOUR HAND.
I AM SO HONORED THAT I GET TO BE YOUR MAN.

OUR BEGINNING WAS ROUGH,
BUT I GUESS BEGINNINGS USUALLY ARE.
YET TOGETHER WE'VE GROW,
MY LOVE, WE'VE COME SO FAR.
THE JOURNEY'S NOT ALWAYS BEEN EASY,
HARD TIMES MAY LIE AROUND THE BEND.
BUT THROUGH IT ALL I'VE LEARNED
YOU ARE MY VERY BEST FRIEND.

## CHORUS

WHEN I SEE WHO I'VE BECOME COMPARED TO WHO I USED TO BE, I KNOW I WOULDN'T BE HERE IF YOU WEREN'T HERE WITH ME. I WANT TO BE THE KIND OF MAN A WOMAN LIKE YOU DESERVES, TO LOVE YOU AND TO CHERISH YOU, AS OUR PRECIOUS LORD WE SERVE.

#### CHORUS

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# **INSTRUMENT**

WORDS AND MUSIC BY DAN MEREDITH LORD, YOU MADE ME AS AN INSTRUMENT FROM YOUR OWN UNIQUE DESIGN TO BRING YOU GLORY AND SPREAD YOUR LOVE NOW UNTIL THERE IS NO TIME. BY YOUR WISDOM YOU MADE ME INCOMPLETE, ALONE THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO. LIKE A PIANO WITHOUT A PLAYER, I'M NOTHING 'TIL I'M PLAYED BY YOU.

## **CHORUS**

SO, WON'T YOU PLAY ME I'M YOUR INSTRUMENT, SING ME I'M YOUR SONG. WHEN THE BREATH OF YOUR LOVE FILLS ME, THE MELODY JUST FLOWS ALONG. ALL ALONE, I'D SIT HERE SILENTLY, BUT TOGETHER WE'RE A SONG. AND OUR SWEET AND SIMPLE MELODY IS LOVE.

SO, LORD WILL YOU PLEASE FILL ME NOW, AS I SING YOUR SONGS OF LOVE. PLEASE ANOINT EACH NOTE AND WORD WITH THE BEAUTY OF YOUR DOVE. GUIDE MY FINGERS AS I PLAY THESE NOTES YOU'VE GIVEN ME. BLESS MY VOICE AS I SING TO BRING GLORY UNTO THEE.

# **BRIDGE**

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