

Here I Am

As performed by downhere on the ConGRADulations! Orange Disc Track 10 and on the Centricity Music CD "Ending Is Beginning"

Sometimes Your calling, comes in dreams
Sometimes it comes in the Spirit's breeze,
You reach for the deepest hope in me,
And call out for the things of eternity.

But I'm a man, of dust and stains,
You move in me, so I can say,

Here I am, Lord send me,
All of my life, I make an offering,
Here I am, Lord send me,
Somehow my story, Is part of Your plan,
Here I am

When setbacks and failures, and upset plans,
Test my faith and leave me with empty hands,
Are You not the closest when it's hardest to stand?
I know that You will finish what You began.

These broken parts You redeem,
Become the song, that I can sing

Here I am, Lord send me,
All of my life, I make an offering,
Here I am, Lord send me,
Somehow my story is part of Your plan
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Overwhelmed by the thought of my weakness,
And the fear that I'll fail You in the end,
In this mess, I'm just one of the pieces,
I can't put this together but You can.

Here I am, Lord send me,
All of my life, I make an offering,
Here I am, Lord send me,
Somehow my story is part of Your plan
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The Class of 2009 wants to make a difference in the world. You don't want to sleepwalk through your life—you don't want to just go through the motions of making a living. You want your life to COUNT, to be meaningful, and to do something that matters. Right?

How can you know what your life is supposed to accomplish? The uneasy answer is: you can't. You cannot map out the significance of your life in advance, you can only look back and see what has been done.

So the important attitude to have is *availability*—a willingness to allow God to direct you and use you. This attitude is seen in the downhere song, "Here I Am." Those three words are key. Listen to the song, then read **Genesis 22:1, 11; 31:11; 46:2; 1 Samuel 3:1-21; Psalm 40:7-8; Isaiah 6:8** and answer the questions.

- What situations and experiences have you had where you sensed God directing you?
- How can you tell whether you're hearing from God or just your own thoughts?
- Are you willing to say, "Here I Am" to God?