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SCRIPTURES

- Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
- Isaiah 6:5-8

Title:

AVAILABLE!

- His Heart His Part
- You Heart Your Part

{August 15, 2022} I was dreaming and I was somehow aware I was dreaming. And in the dream there were two of me. I saw myself in the dream and I was also in the dream seeing myself, so I guess there were three of me. I was in heaven, and one of me was dead. He was the one sitting at the desk, and the other me was watching from a short distance. It was an ethereal scene with puffy white clouds. It was heaven, but all three of me knew it was allegorical, more like a movie version of heaven.

The me being observed was sitting at a desk being interviewed by an angelic being. The interview had only one exchange, and it was not a question, but rather a directive. It was a simple, yet profound request; “Describe your entire life with one word.” The two observers, the me in the dream watching and the me dreaming were completely aware of the magnitude of what he was asked to contemplate. We became excited and curious. What word would he choose? We truly didn’t know.

What we did know is that long ago I identified five core values that animated my life: virtue, integrity, justice, innovation, and influence. Each word had deep significant meaning; each, if unpacked, explained an essential element of what I held most dear. Those five words guided my character and commitment. Which word would he choose? Or, would he choose another? We were fascinated as we observed the dead me answer the challenge.

I sat there at the desk. It was a sober moment, a watershed moment. Both onlookers pondered, as the dreaming me laying in bed, and the observing me who watched inside the dream, could feel our racing heart escalate. It pounded with such anticipation. He stared at his angelic Interrogator and without hesitation offered one word with complete confidence... “Available.” Available? And then I woke!

I sat straight up in bed, my beautiful bride in a deep restful sleep next to me, and I instantly wrestled with the idea. Available? Immediately, in a sober, self-reflective moment, I sought the Lord. No, not three of us, not the man at the desk, and not the man observing from a short distance, but me—awake, and completely aware of the transaction that just occurred. I confessed, “O God, if you required this of me at this very moment, if I had to give You one word right now, I could not do it. I can’t describe my life with one word; I need two words Lord.”

I was disappointed in myself, but not in a self-condemning way. It was the type of disappointment that inspires a steadfast resolve to change something, the type that comes when you look in the mirror and admit the

unadulterated truth. “Mostly available!” That’s what I confessed to the Lord that morning; that’s what I confessed to myself. “I love You Lord, and I love Your people, and I want to serve you with reckless abandon! Yet, there is still some small part of me that is holding onto something for myself.” God does not want most of me, even if it’s 99.99%. He wants all of me.

Something else happened that day. I made a decision that when I die, when I sit at that allegorical desk, alone, with no observers—just me, I will say to my Interrogator, “Available.” That’s the one word I can use to describe my life Lord. “I am...available!” Let the journey begin!

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“**Today you have proclaimed** the Lord to be your God, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will obey His voice. **Also today the Lord has proclaimed** you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments, and that **He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people** to the Lord your God, just as He has spoken.” Deuteronomy 26:17-19 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” **Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”**” Isaiah 6:8 NKJV

HIS HEART HIS PART

1. What He did for you!

A. Yahweh does what He promises!

(1) Acknowledgment

(a) It’s all His anyway

1. “And it shall be, **when you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance**, and you possess it and dwell in it, that you shall **take some of the first of all** the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide. And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, **‘I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the country which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’**” Deuteronomy 26:1-3 NKJV

(2) Exceedingly Great and Precious Promises

(a) Contemplate what promises He has offered you!

1. **“Grace and peace be multiplied** to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as **His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, **by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises**, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” II Peter 1:2-4 NKJV

B. He is your deliverer!

(1) Appreciation

- (a) Do you have any real appreciation for what God does for you?

1. **“Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. And you shall answer and say before the Lord your God: ‘My father was a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. Then we cried out to the Lord God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, “a land flowing with milk and honey”;** Deuteronomy 26:4-9 NKJV

(2) When I am weak, then I am strong!

- (a) Think about human nature. .

1. **“And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me**, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing **I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me**. And He said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”** Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”** II Corinthians 12:7-10 NKJV

C. Everything good comes from God!

(1) Rejoice

- (a) Rejoice in this reality.

1. **“and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O Lord, have given me.’ “Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God. So you shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.”** Deuteronomy 26:10-11 NKJV

(2) We are His firstfruits...

(a) All good things come from God.

1. **“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.”** James 1:17-18 NKJV

D. God defines your ministry!

(1) Ministry

(a) This is the heart of God, to use your resources to pour into His institution and into people in need.

1. **“When you have finished laying aside all the tithe of your increase in the third year—the year of tithing—and have given it to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your gates and be filled, then you shall say before the Lord your God: ‘I have removed the holy tithe from my house, and also have given them to the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all Your commandments which You have commanded me; I have not transgressed Your commandments, nor have I forgotten them. I have not eaten any of it when in mourning, nor have I removed any of it for an unclean use, nor given any of it for the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the Lord my God, and have done according to all that You have commanded me.’** Deuteronomy 26:12-14 NKJV

(2) Ministry to others...

(a) True religion is one of action.

1. **“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”** James 1:22-27 NKJV

(b) When you see a need, fill it, don’t just talk about it.

1. **“What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,’ but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”** James 2:14-17 NKJV

- (c) How can you say you have God's love in you if you see a need and don't try to help?
 1. "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. **But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?** "1 John 3:16-17 NKJV
- (d) Give and it will come back to you in multiples!
 1. "**Give, and it will be given to you:** good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and **running over** will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38 NKJV

E. God answers your prayers!

- (1) Prayer
 - (a) Bless us from heaven Father.
 1. "**Look down from Your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless Your people** Israel and the land which You have given us, just as You swore to our fathers, "a land flowing with milk and honey." " Deuteronomy 26:15 NKJV
- (2) Everything by Prayer...
 - (a) Pray, earnestly ask, and thank God in advance! Then have peace.
 1. "Be anxious for nothing, but in **everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV

F. God has made you His special people!

- (1) Your Destiny
 - (a) God will keep His promise to you as His special people.
 1. ""This day the Lord your God commands you to observe these statutes and judgments; therefore you shall be careful to observe them with all your heart and with all your soul. **Today you have proclaimed the Lord to be your God**, and that you will walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His judgments, and that you will **obey His voice**. Also **today the Lord has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you**, that you should keep all His commandments, and that He will set you **high above all nations which He has made**, in **praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people** to the Lord your God, just as He has spoken."" Deuteronomy 26:16-19 NKJV
- (2) Greater Things
 - (a) You will do great things!

1. ““Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, **the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do**, because I go to My Father. **And whatever you ask in My name**, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **If you ask anything in My name**, I will do it.” John 14:12-14 NKJV

G. God has made you to remember!

(1) Memorials

- (a) Each time God does something in your life, catalog it.

1. “Now Moses, with the elders of Israel, commanded the people, saying: “Keep all the commandments which I command you today. And it shall be, **on the day when you cross over** the Jordan to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves **large stones, and whitewash them** with lime. You shall **write on them all the words of this law**, when you have crossed over, that you may enter the land which the Lord your God is giving you, ‘a land flowing with milk and honey,’ just as the Lord God of your fathers promised you.” Deuteronomy 27:1-3 NKJV

(2) Remember

- (a) The importance of reminders.

1. “For this reason **I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things**, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, **to stir you up by reminding you**, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover **I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things** after my decease.” II Peter 1:12-15 NKJV

- (b) Easy to forget!

1. “For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like **a man observing his natural face in a mirror**; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately **forgets what kind of man he was.**” James 1:23-24 NKJV
2. “Then they all forsook Him and **fled.**” Mark 14:50 NKJV
3. “Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when **the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews**, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.”” John 20:19 NKJV
4. “Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and **slow of heart** to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!” Luke 24:25 NKJV

H. You are God’s obedient people!

- (1) God’s people must obey God’s voice!

- (a) If you wish to enjoy the benefits, you must also enjoy the responsibilities!
 - 1. "Then Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying, "Take heed and listen, O Israel: **This day you have become the people of the Lord your God. Therefore you shall obey the voice of the Lord your God, and observe His commandments and His statutes which I command you today.**" Deuteronomy 27:9-10 NKJV

- (b) You can't just hear His law, you must do His law!
 - 1. "**Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law by observing them.**" "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'" Deuteronomy 27:26 NKJV

(2) Legal Perspectives

- (a) A proper understanding of what it means for a Christian to obey.
 - 1. "But **be doers** of the word, and **not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**" James 1:22 NKJV
 - 2. "Thus also **faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.**" James 2:17 NKJV
 - 3. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also." James 2:26 NKJV
 - 4. "For as many as are of the **works of the law** are **under the curse**; for it is written, "**Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.**" Galatians 3:10 NKJV

I. You are a covenanted people!

(1) Covenant

- (a) God makes all agreements by covenant!
 - 1. "**These are the words of the covenant** which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, **besides the covenant** which He made with them in Horeb." Deuteronomy 29:1 NKJV

(2) Covenants are permanent

- (a) A latter covenant does not override a previous covenant.
 - 1. "Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, **no one annuls or adds to it.**" Galatians 3:15 NKJV
 - 2. "And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, **cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ**, that it should make the promise of no effect." Galatians 3:17 NKJV

J. You are a people of vision!

(1) Sight with no vision...

- (a) You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes...

1. "Now Moses called all Israel and said to them: **"You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land— the great trials which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders."** Deuteronomy 29:2-3 NKJV

(b) But, you still don't get it!

1. **"Yet the Lord has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day."** Deuteronomy 29:4 NKJV

(2) Sight with vision...

(a) Prophets and kings wish they had what is available to you as a Christian.

1. "Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, **"Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."** Luke 10:23-24 NKJV
2. "But we speak the **wisdom of God in a mystery**, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for **our glory**, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written [Isaiah 64:4]: **"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."** But **God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.** For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God." I Corinthians 2:7-10 NKJV

K. You are a people of supernatural provision!

(1) Supernatural Testimony

(a) It's should be hard not to notice such things!

1. "And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. **Your clothes** have not worn out on you, and **your sandals** have not worn out on your feet. **You have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine** or similar drink, **that you may know that I am the Lord your God."** Deuteronomy 29:5-6 NKJV

(2) God shall supply all your need.

(a) You should be content in every circumstance!

1. "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in **whatever state I am, to be content:** I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.** Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. **Indeed I have all and abound.** I am full, having received from

Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. **And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.** Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.” Philippians 4:11-20 NKJV

L. You are a protected and prosperous people!

(1) Conquerers: Walk in Obedience—Walk in Victory

(a) God goes before you to conquer your enemies.

1. “And when you came to this place, Sihon king of Heshbon and Og king of Bashan came out against us to battle, and **we conquered them.** We took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites, to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh. **Therefore keep the words of this covenant, and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do.**” Deuteronomy 29:7-9 NKJV

(2) Conquerers: Walk in the Spirit—Walk in Victory

(a) Your obedience to God is achieved by walking in the Spirit, not in the flesh!

1. “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, **that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**” Romans 8:1-4 NKJV

(b) We are not just conquerers; we are more than conquerers.

1. “**What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” **Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors** through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, **nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**”Romans 8:31-39 NKJV

YOUR HEART YOUR PART

2. What will you do for Him?

A. His Will and Your Will

(1) It begins in the mind (heart), but comes down to whose will you will submit.

(a) Choose God first and He is ready to fulfill what He has placed in your heart.

1. **“Delight** yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you **the desires of your heart. Commit** your way to the Lord, **Trust** also in Him, And **He shall bring it to pass.**” Psalms 37:4-5 NKJV
2. **“Commit your works to the Lord, And your thoughts will be established.**” Proverbs 16:3 NKJV
3. **“A man’s heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.”** Proverbs 16:9 NKJV

(b) In the end it will come down to whether you choose His path or your own.

1. **“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”** Luke 22:42 NKJV
2. **““If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. ...So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.”** Luke 14:26, 33 NKJV

B. His Equipping and You Equipping Others

(1) He will equip you to equip others.

(a) You have access to God’s divine power (grace) which is all you need .

1. **“as His divine power** has given to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,” II Peter 1:3 NKJV

(b) You have access to God’s Word.

1. **“All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may be **complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**” II Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV

(c) Godliness is something we practice continually.

1. **“For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable** for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.” I Timothy 4:8 NKJV

(d) Every ministry in the Church is designed to equip God’s people for one ultimate purpose.

1. **“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints** for the work of ministry, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, **to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;**” Ephesians 4:11-13 NKJV

(e) Wash—Rinse—Repeat

1. "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.**" II Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV
2. Growth of the Church goes from house-to-house.
 1. "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and **breaking bread from house to house**, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. **And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.**" Acts 2:46-47 NKJV
 2. "And daily in the temple, and **in every house**, they **did not cease teaching and preaching** Jesus as the Christ." Acts 5:42 NKJV

C. Willingness to be Sent and You Going

(1) Send me, I'll go!

(a) Are you available, mostly available, or not available at all?

1. "So I said: "**Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips**, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts." Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "**Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away**, And your sin purged. **Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."**" Isaiah 6:5-8 NKJV

(b) Are you available, mostly available, or not available at all?

1. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? **And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?** As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:14-15 NKJV

(c) Are you available, mostly available, or not available at all?

1. "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen." Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV

D. What more do you need?

(1) "*Here am I! Send me. Or, don't ask me! I have other plans.*" Are you available, mostly available, or not available at all?

(a) If it was up to me I would do something else. I have other plans.

1. **“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.** But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For **I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.** And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and **continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith,** that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ **by my coming to you again.”** Philippians 1:21-26 NKJV

(b) Use all of me God. I will not even complain.

1. **“Do all things without complaining and disputing,** that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain. **Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith,** I am glad and rejoice with you all. For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.” Philippians 2:14-18 NKJV

(c) The quintessential disciple Timothy.

1. “But I trust in the Lord Jesus **to send Timothy** to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. **For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know his proven character,** that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. Therefore **I hope to send him at once,** as soon as I see how it goes with me. But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.” Philippians 2:19-24 NKJV

(d) Paul inspired Timothy to fulfill his ministry. *“Here am I! Send me. I am available!”*

1. “But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, **fulfill your ministry.** For **I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”** II Timothy 4:5-7 NKJV

(2) Are you available?

(a) Available: **at hand...**

1. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is **at hand!**” Matthew 3:2 and 4:17 NKJV