

AVAILABLE Pt 1

“What am I Willing to Offer?”

REAL

R.E.A.L is a set of expectations and hopes that we have for our church.

These are not expectations of someone *in order to be a part* of our church, but rather what we would expect for someone *because they are a part* of our church.

Our desire is to position ourselves for the formative work of the Spirit.

R-ELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

We want for everyone to have a PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP with Christ.

E-NGAGED IN COMMUNITY

We want for everyone to be VITALLY CONNECTED to the Body of Christ.

A-CTIVE IN SERVING

We want for everyone to have a sense of SHARED RESPONSIBILITY for our church.

L-EVERAGE YOUR LIFE FOR IMPACT

We want for everyone to FULFILL THEIR CALLING.

DEFINITION OF LEVERAGE

Leverage is what God does we make anything we have available for anything He wants.

2 Timothy 2:20-21 NIV

20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. 21 Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

WHY LEVERAGE?

- Leverage is about posture, not effort.
- Leverage is about being acted upon and through.

CONTEXT FOR ROMANS

New Status: Forgiven

New Family: Gods Covenant People

New Future: The hope of a transformed life

God's intention for us to live as New Creatures in a New Creation.

Romans 12:1-2 NIV

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

AVAILABLE

- Sacrifice isn't what we give up, but what we make available.
 - A Living Sacrifice means the activity of the life you actually live.
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- ➔ Leverage frees us from Calculating.
 - ➔ Leverage frees us to Trust.

Exodus 3:1-4 NIV

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." 4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

HERE I AM

This is the posture of being AVAILABLE.

Willingness is readiness.

SANITY DECLARATION

1. **GOD** uses me.
2. God **USES** me.
3. God uses **ME**.