

Lead Me

(performed by Sanctus Real)

- Verse 1:** I look around and see my wonderful life
Almost perfect from the outside
In picture frames I see my beautiful wife
Always smiling but on the inside
Oh I can hear her saying
- Chorus:** Lead me with strong hands
Stand up when I can't
Don't leave me hungry for love chasing dreams
But what about us
Show me you're willing to fight
That I'm still the love of your life
I know we call this our home
But I still feel alone
- Verse 2:** I see their faces look in their innocent eyes
They're just children from the outside
I'm working hard I tell myself they'll be fine
They're independent but on the inside
Oh I can hear them saying
- (BRIDGE)** So Father give me the strength
To be ev'rything I'm called to be
Oh Father show me the way to lead them
Won't You lead me
- Chorus 2:** To lead them with strong hands
To stand up when they can't
Don't want to leave them hungry for love
Chasing things that I could give up
I'll show them I'm willing to fight
And give them the best of my life
So we can call this our home
Lead me 'cause I can't do this alone
- (ENDING)** Father lead me 'cause I can't do this alone

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Standing In The Gap

Ezekiel 22:30 Pastor David Redmond June 19, 2011

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I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one. Ezekiel 22:30 (NAS)

"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. ⁶ He will restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6 (NAS)

Observations:

- **God Is Always Looking For _____ To _____ Through.**

I searched for a man among them..." Ezekiel 22:30a

...*The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart...*
I Samuel 13:14b (NAS)

The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him. II Chronicles 16:9ba (NLT)

- **God Always Has A _____ To Fulfill.**

...who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land...
Ezekiel 22:30b

But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; Acts 16:16 (NAS)

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ⁷And I have been chosen as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles this message about faith and truth.
I Timothy 2:1;7a (NLT)

- **God Is Looking For _____, Not Just _____.**

...so that I would not destroy it, but I found none. Ezekiel 22:30b

But now your kingdom shall not endure...because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you. I Samuel 13:14 a,c (NAS)

Because you have relied on the king of Aram and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Aram has escaped out of your hand. ⁹...You have acted foolishly in this. Indeed, from now on you will surely have wars. II Chronicles 16:7, 9b (NAS)

For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. ¹¹They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. ¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." I Peter 3:10-12 (NIV)

"Give me 10 men who hate nothing but sin and love nothing but God and we'll change the world." John Wesley

What Are The Qualities Of The "Someone" God Is Looking For?

1. Someone Who Is Willing To _____.

Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. ⁶In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 (AMP)

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18 (NAS)

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)

2. Someone Who Is Willing To _____.

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:28-29

They have turned their back to Me and not their face; though I taught them, teaching again and again, they would not listen and receive instruction. ³⁴But they put their detestable things in the house which is called by My name, to defile it. Jeremiah 32:33 (NAS)

Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance ⁶by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Proverbs 1:5-7 (NLT)

3. Someone Who Is Willing To _____.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Proverbs 3:3-4 (NLT)

"Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. ⁶And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (NLT)

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are His dear children. ²Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered Himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. ²⁵For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church.... Ephesians 5:1-2; 25a (NLT)

4. Someone Who Is Willing To _____.

Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:7-9 (NLT)

"So fear the LORD and serve Him wholeheartedly. ... ¹⁵But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve... But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:14-15 (NLT)

I looked [them over] and rose up and said to the nobles and officials and the other people, Do not be afraid of the enemy; [earnestly] remember the Lord and imprint Him [on your minds], great and terrible, and [take from Him courage to] fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes. Nehemiah 4:14 (AMP)

"The real qualities of leadership are to be found in those who are willing to suffer for the sake of objectives great enough to demand their wholehearted obedience" J. Oswald Sanders