

= Whatever It Takes ( Lifehouse song ) =

" Whatever It Takes " is a song by American alternative band Lifehouse . It is the second single released from their fourth studio album , Who We Are ( 2007 ) . The song was written by Lifehouse lead singer Jason Wade and American record producer Jude Cole . When discussing the song , Wade felt that the message of the song dealt with how difficult it could be to be in a relationship . It was first released with the band 's fourth studio album Who We Are on June 18 , 2007 and was then solicited to mainstream radio on November 13 , 2007 . It is a moderately slow pop @-@ rock ballad that has influences of adult alternative .

" Whatever It Takes " received positive reviews from critics who commended the song 's chorus . It was a commercial success in the United States and charted in the top 40 on several charts in the country . The song 's music video premiered on Yahoo ! Music on November 15 , 2007 and solely features Lifehouse lead singer Jason Wade and has the use of pyrotechnics throughout the video .

= = Background and release = =

The song was written by Lifehouse lead singer Jason Wade and American record producer Jude Cole and was produced by Lifehouse and Jude Cole at Ironworks Studio in Los Angeles . In an interview with The San Bernardino Sun , Wade talked about making songs on the album and said , " This time around it was not about having any preconceived notions . It was about letting the tape machine roll and getting the music down spontaneously . " When asked about the message of the song , Wade said , " I think the main message of this song , at least for me personally when I was writing the lyrics , is just how difficult it can be to be in a relationship . Sometimes , you do things to disappoint the other person . Letting someone down and trying to repair a relationship that you feel is kind of slipping through your hands a bit . " " Whatever It Takes " was originally released with the band 's fourth studio album , Who We Are , on June 18 , 2007 and was officially solicited as a single to mainstream radio on November 13 , 2007 .

= = Composition and critical reception = =

According to the sheet music published at Musicnotes.com by Alfred Music Publishing , the song is set in common time with a " moderately slow " tempo of 76 beats per minute . It is composed in the key of C major with Wade 's vocal range spanning from the low @-@ note of D4 to the high @-@ note of G5 . The song has a basic chord progression of C / F ? C / G ? C / F ? C / G.

" Whatever It Takes " was described as an adult alternative / pop rock song . It was described as a " power ballad " by John DiBiase of Jesus Freak Hideout , who also noted that there was " growth in songwriting and artistry to keep Lifehouse a band well worth following " .

Alex Lai of Contactmusic.com described the song as " brooding [ song ] " that features " a huge chorus " and noted how the ballads on the album , including " Whatever It Takes " , were " amongst the best the band has produced " .

Russ Breimeier of Christianity Today felt that the song was " commendable for showing the need to remain committed and open to sustain a relationship " .

Paul Schultz of The Trades described the song as having " some dandy harmony vocals " and noted how the lyrics of " She said like it or not it 's the way it 's gotta be / You gotta love yourself if you can ever love me " talked about how people try to work out relationships .

= = Chart performance = =

" Whatever It Takes " debuted at number 97 on the Billboard Hot 100 for the week of February 2 , 2008 . It moved up the chart for several weeks , until peaking at number 33 . The song debuted at number 63 on the Billboard Digital Songs chart and eventually peaked at number 28 after being on the chart for 19 non @-@ consecutive weeks . On the Billboard Pop Songs chart , the song debuted at number 40 for the week of January 26 , 2008 . After moving up the chart for 20 consecutive

weeks , the song eventually peaked at number 17 . The song debuted at number 74 on the Billboard Radio Songs chart for the week of March 8 , 2008 and moved around the chart for several weeks until peaking at number 36 . On the Adult Contemporary chart , the song debuted at number 30 for the week of April 26 , 2008 . After being on the chart for 33 consecutive weeks , the song peaked at number 10 for three weeks in a row . " Whatever It Takes " also debuted on the Billboard Adult Pop Songs at number 22 and eventually peaked at number three .

= = Music video = =

The music video , directed by Frank Borin , premiered on Yahoo ! Music on November 15 , 2007 . Later that day , it was also released to iTunes for digital download . According to the behind @-@ the @-@ scenes video , the song features the use of pyrotechnics all throughout the video . When asked about the idea behind the video , Wade said , " The whole concept of this video and just stuff exploding and breaking with my performance to the camera ; it 's almost like my performance is trying to salvage a relationship together . The imagery of stuff breaking and falling apart ; its almost like the whole world shattering around you , but you 're trying to keep it alive . "

The video focuses solely on lead singer , Jason Wade , as the rest of the band members do not appear in the video . The video begins by showing Wade sitting alone on a bed , with pictures of him and his girlfriend on the wall . He proceeds to walk around the house , while various things in the room he 's in begin to explode around him , such as the bed and pictures in the bedroom , and various food and drink items in the kitchen . Near the end things begin going in reverse , and everything that had exploded is put back together . The video ends with Wade sitting back on the bed with his girlfriend now lying next to him .

= = Live performances = =

On October 15 , 2007 , Lifehouse performed an acoustic version of " Whatever It Takes " on VH1 . In January 2008 , the band performed the song as part of a set list on the PBS show Soundstage . To help promote Who We Are , Lifehouse also performed " Whatever It Takes " on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno on February 15 , 2008 , on Mas Vale Tarde on February 21 , 2008 , and on Live with Regis and Kelly on April 1 , 2008 .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Songwriting ? Jason Wade , Jude Cole

Production ? Lifehouse , Jude Cole

Mixing ? Thom Panunzio , Jack Joseph Puig , Florian Ammon , Keith Armstrong , Dean Nelson , Jeff Rothschild

Engineering ? Florian Ammon , Scott Faircliff , Ross Hogarth , Will Sandalls

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= = Charts = =