Spiritual Care Message:

JESUS SAID: (repeated by John),

I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. John 9:4

WE ALSO ARE CALLED AND SENT ONES:

As the Father has sent me, so send I you. John 20:21

When Jesus said this, He was referring to the night of the betrayal, the night of the Garden, the night in the packed courtroom before the governing powers, the night of the Cross, the darkness of the victory of Satan, the darkness of death and the tomb. He was stating the truth about His life and activity because He knew what was in His future. His Father and He had a pact between them for earth's redemption and He acted accordingly in obedience and submission.

So, is this truth for us also? We know what we have been told by our Lord...the statement in John 9:4 is clear. Our service, ministry, ability, opportunity in life have limits, so all are temporary. We face darkness also when work will end just as Jesus faced. Personal health, finances, mental incapacity, physical abilities, aging in general, different circumstances and settings, spiritual enemies, spiritual darkness, persecution, death, not to speak of governments and powers in control...the warnings of the last days of the last days for this world as it is, is enough to cause us to 'work' with a sense of urgency. There is no time for procrastination. Laziness and indifference constitute sinful behavior against our Lord and Savior, sin against those we ignore or close hearts against because we do not want to take the time.

So, what should I do if I have failed to follow Him, if I have procrastinated? Bow before our Father and ask Him.

With Prayer:

Father, we are bowing before you because you are our authority in every matter. You are the one who knows our hearts and the needs around us. You are the director for any help, any ministry we might share with others. Give me spiritual radar, to see with my heart what you want me to see, and to report to you for duty with ability and resources in the work of the Holy Spirit. Give me an obedient heart, Father, for Jesus sake. Amen (le/2025)