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*We must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. **John 9:4 (CSB)***

My father loved to plant a large garden. Having four boys to feed on a pastor's salary probably had something to do with it. As my brothers and I got older, he turned more and more of the work of that garden over to us. During the summer, Dad told us that we had a certain amount of work to do in the garden before we could do anything we wanted to do. We had a choice: wWe could either get up and get it done and then be free to do what we wanted; or put it off, and then rush around doing the work before dark. Too often, my brothers and I waited until almost dark to try to get the work done, and we ended up wasting most of the day not doing what we wanted to do.

The last year and a half have been some of the most challenging times to pastor. There is a temptation to coast or to quit. Yet, our calling, from our heavenly Father, is to work in His garden—to do the works of Him who sent us.

This fall has the potential to be some of the most fruitful times in our ministry. It is out of the challenging times that God often does His most significant work. The difference between my father and our heavenly Father, is that He will empower and direct our work. This fall, let us be about the work of Him who sent us.