



Anthem: God's Work

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“To help a fellow man in need is to manifest the glory of God, for it is to show what God is like.”

William Barclay

In John 9:1-2, Jesus and the disciples encounter a man who was blind from birth. In Jewish thought, there was a connection of suffering to sin; therefore, the disciples asked Jesus if this man's blindness was the result of the sin of the man or that of his parents.

Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me.” John 9:3-4a NIV

William Barclay noted Jesus emphasized the opportunity to glorify God in times of suffering and hardship!

- 1) In his healing miracles, Jesus revealed God's glory by demonstrating God's compassion and power.
- 2) In our own lives, hardship and suffering can be opportunities to demonstrate God's impact in our lives; and, as Barclay wrote, “we can show the world how a Christian can live and, if need be, die.”
- 3) By helping those in distress, pain, sorrow, need, and affliction, we have the opportunity to be of service to others and to demonstrate God's compassion and love.

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“The Christian's duty is to fill the time he has---and no man knows how much that will be---with the service of God and of his fellow-men. There is no more poignant sorrow than the tragic discovery that it is too late to do something which we might have done.” William Barclay.

Prayer: Father, suffering and hardship are frightening to me, but I am comforted in knowing You understand because of Jesus' own human experience. Strengthen me by the Holy Spirit to be a person who serves others when needed and a person who bears witness to full reliance and faith in You when experiencing hardship.

Anthem Text

When you can hear the sound of a child crying alone in the night, hungry and cold with nowhere to hide,
and you know it can't be right, what will you do?

What will you say to show that you understand? Will you believe He showed us the way when He gave us His command?

Chorus For our Master said, “Love one another, even as I have loved you.”

We must reach with our hands, and give with our hearts.

There is God's work for us to do.

When you see a man without any friends, his clothes all tattered and torn, knowing his life is nearing the end, and his hopes are almost gone; Filled with despair, he looks in your eyes.

You know you can't turn away. You must be strong and stand by his side. You must help him find his way,

Chorus

When we can see a world filled with pain, greed, and hatred and fear, nations at war with nothing to gain
but wasted lives and tears; When there are wrongs we cannot ignore, we need to show that we care.

We must reach out and try to do more. We must learn to give and share.

Chorus