

## **Weekly Reflection**

### **"Whom Shall I Send?"**

This past Sunday we listened to God's question to Isaiah:

*"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"*

And we heard Isaiah's remarkable response:

*"Here am I; send me."*

Many of us hear those words and immediately think of missionaries, ministers, or people called to dramatic acts of service. Yet the truth is that God's call often comes in ordinary moments and ordinary places.

Most of us will not be asked to cross oceans or stand before kings. We will be asked to live faithfully in the places where God has already planted us.

### **This week, consider where God may be sending you.**

Perhaps God is sending you to make a phone call to someone who is lonely.

Perhaps God is sending you to visit a neighbour who needs encouragement.

Perhaps God is sending you to listen patiently to someone who is struggling.

Perhaps God is sending you to pray for a person, a situation, or a part of the world that weighs heavily on your heart.

Perhaps God is sending you to offer forgiveness, extend kindness, or speak a word of hope.

Isaiah was not sent because he was perfect.

The disciples were not sent because they had all the answers.

They were sent because they were willing.

God continues to work through willing people.

### **As you begin each day this week, try praying this simple prayer:**

*"Lord, where are You sending me today?*

*Give me eyes to see,*

*ears to hear,*

*and a heart willing to follow."*

Then watch for opportunities to serve.

## **A Practical Challenge for This Week**

Choose one person who may be feeling isolated, discouraged, grieving, ill, or forgotten.

Make intentional contact with them this week.

Call them.

Visit them.

Send a card.

Write an email.

Pray with them.

Do not wait for the perfect moment.

Simply reach out.

You may never know how much that act of kindness means to someone else.

## **Questions for Reflection**

1. Where have I seen God's presence in my life recently?
2. What fears or hesitations keep me from responding to God's call?
3. Who might God be asking me to encourage this week?
4. What gifts has God given me that could be used to bless others?
5. If God asked me today, "Whom shall I send?" what would my response be?

As John Stephen Akhwari reminded the world, we are not called merely to start the race. We are called to finish faithfully.

And the good news is that we do not run alone.

The risen Christ, who sends us into the world, also promises:

*"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

May you know His presence, hear His voice, and follow His leading in the days ahead.

Grace and peace to you this week.