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***BE SWIFT TO LOVE***

“Life is short, and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us. Oh, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind!”

An Episcopal priest whom I knew years ago made a practice of quoting those words of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Swiss philosopher Henri Frédéric Amiel at the end of every worship service. As he spoke the words of his benediction, the blessing that sends the congregation from worship into the world, those words spoke always to the potential of every day.

There is a sense of urgency in the gospel. It is not the urgency of a deadline, with looming consequences if it is missed. There is no threat of punishment that is hanging over us.

The urgency is simply the urgency of this precious life. On this day, we have the chance to gladden the hearts of others. What are we waiting for?

“Oh be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.”

I'll see you in church.

Peace,

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