

## The Remnant Movement (Jn. 21:15-25)

I do believe that God will open the doors for us when we hold to the covenant as we give worship. It is because that is God's promise. Jesus Christ is the promise and the door to your life. Today we read the later scripture of the book of John. The prior verses of chapter 21 record a miracle. After Jesus' resurrection Peter as well as the disciples had some time left so they went out to go fish. Throughout the night they were fishing but yet they were not able to catch a single fish. Jesus appears before the disciples and Peter and this is what he says in verse 6, He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish." They were able to catch so many fish to the point that they were not able to haul it back in. In verse 14 it records, "This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead." Even now he is able to testify that he is Christ and God himself. After he resurrected and the second coming he will testify that he is the Christ. He will testify that he is Christ and he is God himself. That is why our confession of faith is Matthew 16:16. That is the conclusion of the bible and that is the reason why Jesus came down. It was to the extent that they casted but were unable to haul it back in because of the quantity of the fish. The Lord's message is that you must not rely on yourself or your own efforts, you must be able to only look to him. It is the message that you must not suffer on your own yet you must live by the covenant. If a child of God does not live according to the covenant they will have a difficult time returning back to the Lord. Of course the covenant is not their priority yet it is secondary. It is a slight difference yet we always tend to forget this. That is why the Lord Jesus appears to the disciples and says that he is the answer to all. They were fishing throughout the night yet they were not able to catch a single fish but by the word of the Lord they were able to catch countless fish. I do believe that this is a very important message that you must be able to check up on yourself. Am I living according to the word? Am I living my life holding onto the fundamentals of Jesus Christ? Who is Jesus Christ and what is he to me? It's the same thing that has been testified in Matthew 16:13. Who is Jesus Christ to you? When you are able to give the accurate response to the Lord he will open up the path for you. If you are able to give the accurate response to the Lord every single day then you have done what you need to do that day. It is because the world is full of spiritual problems and the cause of it all is Satan because of that all problems have come. There is only one answer that can bind all the work of the problem and that is Jesus Christ. The only thing that you must do is hold to Jesus Christ. If the neighbors are doing or using a different method then that may become your own priority to which you may hold onto that as well. Yet, that is

not the standard of the believers. Many people of the world live by that way and if you follow after that you will be influenced by your own methods as well. However, the standard of the believers is the word of God. What is the standard of your prayer? It is Matthew 6:33. That is the standard of your life as well as the covenant. It is the Lord's message that you must live by this matter. There are times where throughout the night you try to resolve your own problems yet it is not resolved. In most cases we just live our lives copying the methods of others around us. We believe and perceive that as our own standard and if it is being resolved to others compared to those around us we think that we are lucky or we are blessed. However, that is not the standard. Why must you follow the standard of the world? Even if you hit rock bottom you must be able to make the challenge that I will head towards what is heavenly and above not after the things of the world. Of course within the problem that you face that you are struggling throughout the night if God gives you the word he will resolve it all for you. Everything will be resolved by the word of God. What is the reason? It is because he is Christ and he is God. Of course, the answer that he gives to you is the complete answer because he is Christ and he is God. May it be a week where you experience many miracles like this. May you be able to resolve inside of your heart and never forget. This is the only thing that you must struggle within to hold onto the very end.

### 1. The Remnant Movement

We are those who remain. For the sake of God's important work we have been called as those who remain. We are not those who remain just to receive salvation and receive all that we desire from God. 90% of the believers live their walk of faith trying to receive what they desire. However, for the sake of God's important work he has called you as those who remain. It is because you possess the Gospel and this is a very important work. When someone asks you what is the purpose of your existence in the world you must be able to testify of this. This has been proclaimed in Isaiah 6:13. Isaiah 6:13 is from the chapter of Isaiah 6 in which he received a vision from the Lord. This is the passage in which he received that word of God. The Lord says that Israel will be taken as captives and the land will become a desolate waste. Until the city lies waste without inhabitants and houses without peoples. It is because they fell inside idolatry and they did not live by God's word. Even when the word was being prophesied they never followed after it. The king at the time when Isaiah existed he persecuted and killed Isaiah. He is not your average man. This is what is recorded today, "And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid to waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land." The holy seed that exists within this world is Jesus Christ. Of course the holy seed that exists inside of Christ are those who remain. It says that the city will lie in the waste as well as the

houses without people and they will all be taken as captives. That is why the remnants are God's eternal people who will remain and they are the ones who have been called by God to do God's significant work. They are the ones who spread God's desire throughout the world. They are the ones who were able to plant God's covenant upon the world again. They were used greatly for the sake of this historical movement. It is the remnants who have been called by God to do God's significant work. In today's passage Jesus questioned Peter three times. He asked Peter do you love me? If so, feed my lamb. Of course their expression may be different but it is all the same expression. Peter was dumbfounded because the Lord asked him three times but yet the Lord desired to strongly emphasize and relay his desire. The remnants are important because they are the future of the world. In God's perspective and Jesus's point of view, they are very important. And when we speak of young lamb, we are not only referring to age. You may be old of age, but if you're spiritually young, then you are like the young lamb. We must be able to include all of this in our point of view as well. The remnant movement does not only apply to the young children, adolescence, or young adults. The adults are included in this movement. In other words, for the sake of God's greatest work, He has called us as the remnants. In this pitiful age where the Gospel is dying, it is not for us to nitpick regarding age. There is no time for us to waste and nitpick about age when we have to testify the Gospel. That is why, you as an adult must be the remaining one. And the young children and young adults as themselves must also be the ones who remain as the remnants. Especially youth and adolescence, they are very important. And the young adults must be the center of the church. However, the adults' prayers are also so important. Even if you are old of age, continuously praying for the sake of the remnant movement is even more important. All the adults were once a youth as well. In the past, I went to go to testify to the Gospel, and I met a Caucasian man. He let me into his house, and I had tea with him. He brought his photo album, and I didn't even ask him. So, we were looking through the photos of the man, and I pointed at a photo and asked, "Who is this?" He said, "That was me when I was young." It was when he was in the army, and he looked like an actor. He was an old Caucasian man, but in his youth, he was very good looking and young. I think Asians age better. Asians don't stand a chance against Caucasians in their youth, but Asians still manage to keep their youthful skin as they age. Anyway, we were all young once. And all the young remnants right now will grow to be an adult as well. That is why it is not the time to nitpick about age. We all must pray, hold onto the covenant, and give our best effort to testify of the Gospel. Last Friday's service, the second group, which was the young adults, gave their prayer topics. Due to COVID, there is a decrease in the number of participants, but I do hope that those giving worship at home will be able to come to church and give worship on Friday. They gave such an important prayer topic of being used and prepared to be

the future church officers. They said that, for the sake of becoming the future church officers, they want to be at the place of worship and be centered on the word. And I told them that if they want to be the future church officers that saves the church, they must participate in the second worship. Today, early in the morning, Angelica, who is the president of the second group of the young adults, told me that they wanted to participate in the second worship. Especially when you are young, you must hold onto the hope of the covenant and go all in. Then, when you go into your forties, God's word will take place in which you will stand as the spiritual hero. Especially for you parents, you must keep in mind that your child's education comes second. If not, you will ruin them. We call it religious when seeking after the studies and education of the children becomes the priority. May you come to your senses. It's not time to nitpick about our ages. Especially for you adults, may you participate in this remnant movement. And for the young adults, may you come to the answer so that you can lead our remnants. We are the ones who have been called by God for the sake of resolving the spiritual problems of this world. This world is filled with problems. But what is the center of all those problems? It is a spiritual problem. Spiritual problems are going to bring about a great headache to the world. It is only those who possess the Gospel that can resolve the spiritual problems. Of course, just with the Gospel alone, it is impossible to resolve all the spiritual problems. We can only heal those who God has predestined to be saved. And we must be able to go and testify of the Gospel and heal all those that God has predestined to receive salvation. That is the task we must do. May you never forget, you are the remnant, the one who remains that has been called to do great works. This is the answer to the problems you face. Also for those who are ill, this is the answer to all of that. Especially for those who are running a business that isn't going well, may you hold to this as your answer. And for those who are facing family problems, you must be aligned to this and stand in this line. This is the answer. Even if you stay up through the night trying to solve the problem, it can never be resolved. But with this alone, it'll be resolved at that very moment. We must partake in this remnant movement. You must partake in the movement of the remaining ones. And we are all those who have been called to remain. I believe God will bless us.

## **2. Those who will leave behind**

The second point we'll look at is, "Those who will leave behind." Those who remain must leave behind the things of God. You must be able to leave behind the things of God so that it'll be passed on to the next generation. The representative figures of the age of Isaiah included Isaiah himself, Jeremiah, Daniel and his three friends, Esther, and Mordecai. They were the representative of the remaining ones. They were greatly used to do historical work. But what is important is the fact that you can be used just like them.

It is not merely a story that is written in the Bible. All that work that took place can take place for you as well. And there's only one reason for that. It is because the Gospel that these figures held onto is the same Gospel that we have. We have the same Gospel recorded in the Bible. What God desires to do is to relay the Gospel. God desires to spread the Gospel throughout the world. And especially for those who hold onto the Gospel that is recorded in the Bible, they will be able to see the same work that took place. We have the same Gospel that the figures of the Babylon age held onto. Then likewise, you are able to do the same work they have done. It is because God only desires to relay the gospel. He has no other interest. Babylon was a tremendous nation, far greater than America, but they were able to overturn Babylon. It was not done by their strengths and efforts. God was at work because they held onto the gospel that God has given to them. God was explaining the gospel through them. The Book of Isaiah views this book as the Gospel of the Old Testament. Isaiah 7:14 states, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." It speaks of Jesus Christ. Isaiah 9:6 states, "For to us a child is born to us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder..." It speaks of Jesus Christ. This means that he upholds and reigns over all of the government in the world. Even now, all of the governments and politics are being controlled by God. "...and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." It is so precious to which it can never be explained. It says that He is God. It is a child that would be born, but would be called the Everlasting Father. Isaiah 11:1-12, Isaiah 1 states, "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse." Jesse is the father of David to which Jesus was born in the family line of David. "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit." Isaiah 11:2 states, "And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." It means that the spirit of Jesus Christ, the spirit of the Lord will be upon him. Isaiah 32:1 states, "Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice." In the Book of Isaiah, it records many explanations of Jesus Christ. And we possess the gospel and receive the Word. And it is recorded in Genesis 3:15 that the offspring of a woman will crush the head of the serpent. Matthew 16:16 states, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." You have the same gospel that they possessed. The work that has upturned Babylon will overturn Latin America as well. If you have faith in Thai, may you hold onto this as your covenant. May you be able to never forget and pray so that this will come upon your life. God is already at work. Everything is done according to His time schedule. Of course, I wanted this work to take place 20 years ago, but the time is now for me. I do believe that all of the work that has taken place over Babylon will take place in the Americas and Latin America. There is a reason

why we have confidence in this. I have said this before. It is because the gospel that God desires to testify is within you. This is the only reason and hope. This is your only hope and nothing else. I do believe that your life will come to a complete end when you hold onto the covenant. With the Word that you receive in the night in which you are struggling with your problems, it will be resolved all at once. Do you truly believe that God desires to relay the gospel through you. If this is correct, what must you do? You must hold to the gospel. If you only hold onto the gospel to which God will take full responsibility of your life, to which he will take care of all of the aspects in your life, what else can He do for you? All the churches of the world must know of this truth. It is because God has already placed the disciples in the church. That is why the church must seek after those in the church. A disciple will respond to the correct gospel. Then you must be able to see the disciples, pick them up, and go out into the field together. They will be able to listen to the message, but will be able to see the work in their field. Then they will be established as the disciple, which is when they will be commissioned out into their own field. This is the method that Apostle Paul used in the Book of Acts. That is why you must be able to testify of the gospel to the other churches. There are many reasons why Apostle Paul seeked after the synagogues, but I believe it is because he was looking for the disciples. At least the Jews knew who God was. Whenever they met a Gentile, they would need to testify who God is. Jews would already know who God was. In the Book of Acts, many Gentiles converted to be a Jew after knowing the Word of God. God has already laid down the foundation before He even commissioned Apostle Paul out onto the field. And Apostle Paul only went to testify the Gospel. He just simply wants to testify that Jesus is the Christ, He is God, and he has resurrected. And through that he was able to find many disciples. When you find the disciples, what must you do? He had the depth and knowledge of the gospel to which he could relay this to the disciples. One minister who holds accurate content is important. That is why you must truly see if their content is accurate. With that one content alone, if they truly hold onto this, whoever God attaches to them, they could use them as the next disciples. Therefore, it is the church training to raise ministers. The second service will be aligned to this direction, so those of you who have resolved this in your hearts, may you participate. Pastor Josea that we have been raising as a disciple is circling around Latin America, and has gone to four different countries to share the gospel. I believe that he will report it back to us through Elder John. Today, we will watch a video of a Latin America mission. Afterwards, Pastor Josea will go to Argentina, Cuba, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Latin America itself is a golden fisherman's field, so God will open up many doors. Especially for the remnants and the young adults, may you never forget that it is a very important time schedule to go and testify the Gospel to Latin America. We possess the accurate Gospel the Lord desires to relay to us. In the

region of Chiapas, we have been connected to a church with at least 200-300 congregations, but there is not a senior pastor, so the elder leads the church. The elder himself sent messages to me and I was able to pass it on to Pastor Ricardo and was able to interpret the message. The elder was able to testify that there have been countless pastors to enter his church, but there was not a single content of the Gospel that has been relayed to them. Now that they have come to know the true Gospel through our church, they are truly thankful. Pastor Hosea is planning to raise up seven of the lay leaders that exist within the church so they are able to go around the churches in their neighborhoods. They need at least \$1,300 in funds, and we ourselves are able to fund at least \$700, so they are requesting at least a \$600 fund from us. I was able to contact Elder Na and he was able to fund at least \$600 and Elder John was able to send the funds over. Especially for Pastor Hosea, he has the spiritual selfish desire to send out lay leaders to relay the Gospel and to train them and have them see the field. On Monday, I have a gathering with the Latin American pastors. That is a time in which I will share the lectures of the Book of Acts. That is when I will speak about the pastoral ministry and how to raise up the church officers as the disciples. Pastor Hosea is very busy running his ministry, but I always tell him to join the Monday meetings so that he is able to interpret. Especially for Pastor Hosea, I tell him to run this ministry because he is the first person to be connected to us through the Latin American mission and also I want him to see the big picture of the evangelism movement that has taken place in the Book of Acts. This is God's desire, so if we just pray and support it, God is bound to open the doors of evangelism. Argentina is such a vast country. For Cuba themselves, they would want these teams to relay the Gospel for at least two weeks. Pastor Ricardo has changed his ministry direction towards America. I believe this is another answer for us. I desire for Pastor Ricardo and Pastor Gabriel to go from Ensenada and go all the way down to Baja California and visit all of the churches there. I told them to have a plan for that. I do believe many of the disciples will be found. Pastor Ricardo has resigned from his church and has raised Pastor Alonso to take over for him, but we want him to be the main speaker of that. We were able to have a public meeting to have Arizona Immanuel Church as the regional church for our church. We have been given the direction of that so we are in the process of it. I believe that we will have a public meeting regarding the Arizona Immanuel Church. Once it is decided we will have their permission for them to become our regional church. If it does take place, we must help them. The direction for us to help them is to establish Gospel evangelization in their field. I do believe that Camp Minister Reiko is doing her best there. We have been connected to Pastor Eddie in Arizona and in the month of March, Pastor Ricardo will go and do his ministry for two nights and three days. Camp minister Reiko was able to give the message last Sunday at their church. She received permission from their pastor and was able to give the

sermon. They were connected to a Native American church and there is a photo that we would like to show to you. I was able to speak with camp minister Reiko. Eight churches gathered together on Friday. This is how they gathered. They have been connected to Pastor Alberto and he has requested that they will continue the Gospel movement. One of the missions I gave to camp minister Reiko as she went to Arizona was to open up the connection with Native American churches there. I did not think much of it, but she reminded me of the mission I had given her. I do believe that if we are able to save at least one church, it will spread throughout. In the first photo we showed, there were many young remnants there. If we have the leisure and time, it will be great for the youth and teachers to visit the place. When the children are able to receive the Gospel, they are able to absorb it much quicker and the reaction of the parents will be much different as well. Amongst those people, I believe that there are those who want to receive training. They could stay at the mission home and receive training. I believe that during the weekdays, anyone can come and stay, but during the weekends it will be very busy. This is because God will continuously open up the doors for the churches. That is why we must continuously commission our disciples and call them back. This is all a start. However, we will go to the very end. God will allow us to go to the very end because we possess the Gospel that God desires to relay to the world. We possess the understanding of the Gospel that God desires the world to understand as well. That is why we partake in this remnant movement. It is the movement of those who remain. We are those who remain within God. May this blessing be upon you. May you never forget. This is your answer. They were fishing all throughout the night but were unable to catch a single fish. May you confirm the Gospel once again and go inside of your 24 hours. May you truly hold onto the covenant of Christ and may healing arise within you to which doors will be open for you to stand as a witness.