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The Disciple Left Behind

Titus 1:5-11

Almost all of the representative figures in the Bible were missionaries. Joseph, Moses, Daniel and his three friends, as well as Esther, and Apostle Paul along with his disciples carried out missionary work. They stood at the very center of the heroes of faith described in Hebrews chapter 11. Figures such as Samuel, David, Elijah, and Elisha carried out their ministries within Israel; however, their work was not limited to Israel alone. Through significant ministries involving neighboring nations, they participated in the work of world evangelization. In doing so, they protected their nation and were precious missionaries of world evangelization who testified of the Jehovah God of Israel.

Therefore, it becomes very clear how we should live our lives and what direction we should run toward. It becomes evident how we can also become heroes of faith and leave behind works that stand at the center of history. Those whose hearts are aligned with God will carry out world evangelization, and God will make their lives into masterpieces. Holding onto Christ as the covenant and establishing one's own personal time of prayer is the starting point. Receiving the Word through the pulpit and continually experiencing its fulfillment will open one's spiritual eyes more, leading them to become a person of God even more.

Through training and many messages, as we come to understand more of the spiritual mysteries and God's heart, we will be able to live lives like the heroes of faith, and in the end, we will leave behind eternal masterpieces. May today be a time when you receive even one word from the pulpit and discover that it is the answer for your life.

1. The Disciple Left Behind

1) The one disciple I left in that place — this is not referring to just any one person. It is an important term that conveys someone who can deeply understand biblical evangelism and the heart of God. Verse 5 says: "This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you…"
2) At this point, the ministry had already moved beyond the stage where Paul needed to personally visit every field. Therefore, the mission given to Titus was different. He was entrusted with the important responsibility of appointing elders and overseers. This does not mean that he no longer went to the field. Rather, the gospel had already spread widely, and many disciples had been raised up. Now it was time to move the church and carry out the work for the churches in the regions.
3) Paul also instructs him to rebuke and reproach those who oppose the gospel and tells Titus that he himself must first hold firmly to the teaching of the Word. Verse 9: "He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it."
4) Verse 10: "For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party." Verse 11: "They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach." This shows how serious the harmful influence of the Jewish people had become.
5) The "circumcision party" refers to Jewish believers who insisted that one must not only believe in Jesus but also be circumcised. Any teaching that does not declare that salvation is completely fulfilled through faith in Christ alone comes from Satan. Salvation must be fully settled through faith alone. John 1:12 says that those who believe are given the right to become children of God, and John 5:24 says that whoever believes has eternal life, does not come into judgment, and has passed from death to life.
6) The only condition is faith. Yet they emphasized circumcision, likely because of passages such as Genesis 17:14: "Any uncircumcised male… shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant." However, in the Old Testament there are many instances where it says someone will be cut off from the people.
7) In Exodus 12:15 it says if anyone does not eat what is unleavened for 7 days during Passover, that person shall be cut off from Israel.
   Exodus 31:14 says everyone who profanes the Sabbath shall be put to death. Whoever does any work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Leviticus 7:20: "But the person who eats of the

flesh of the sacrifice of the Lord's peace offerings while an uncleanness is on him, that person shall be cut off from his people."

8) Leviticus 7:25 says every person who eats of the fat of a food offering shall be cut off from his people. Leviticus 7:27: "Whoever eats any blood, that person shall be cut off from his people." In this way, there are many conditions under which a person could be cut off from among the people. So why did they bring up only circumcision? It seems likely that it was because it was the easiest for them to talk about and something most familiar in everyday life, rather than for any deep spiritual reason.
9) However, the Lord did not die on the cross merely to fulfill circumcision. He died on the cross to fulfill all forms and models of the covenant expressed in the Old Testament. There are many such covenantal examples: the sacrificial offerings, the ark, the altar, the ark of the covenant, the tabernacle, the temple, and all the elements within them, along with all the various sacrifices.
10) If one had to choose just one among all of these, it would be the sacrificial offering, because from Genesis 3:21 to the cross of Christ, it is the representative sign of the covenant. If they had emphasized the sacrificial offering, it might have been somewhat more understandable. But even that has now been completely fulfilled, and we have entered an age where it is no longer needed at all.
11) Therefore, what now remains is to proclaim the blood of the fulfilled promise, which is the precious blood of Christ, and save people. For this purpose, the word given to us today is "the disciple left behind." I go to a place, carry out ministry, find one disciple, and leave that disciple there with the covenant, continuing follow-up ministry and raising that person as a disciple.
12) Through that, together with that disciple, we dream of and pray for world evangelization in that region. Those who have the content to lead such a disciple can live like Paul the Apostle and Titus. If we pray in the name of Christ and receive answers, experience the fulfillment of the Word through the pulpit, open our eyes to biblical evangelism through training and messages, and are able to share our own content through the Bible, then we can lead disciples.
13) Our goal is to establish 1,000 bartizans, as David did, in our region over the course of our lifetime. How can we carry out the movement of 100 teams and 100 churches? What are the 1,000 bartizans given to me? What is God's desire placed in my heart? The Remnants were all missionaries—missionaries of a higher level who even stood before kings. Then, how much is my heart aligned with God's heart?
14) This communication with God is my success, my conquest and what saves the world. It is the secret to enjoying the blessings of the heavenly throne, and through it, we can overcome the prince of the power of the air and become a great masterpiece that embraces the universe within my heart.
15) This is the prayer topic we must receive through "the one disciple left behind" given to us today. May this be a precious day in which you think, pray, and receive your lifelong answer. May today become the turning point of your entire life.