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Let us be the people who remain to the end!

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Reading from Matthew 26:39-41

<sup>9</sup> *And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.*

<sup>40</sup> *And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?*

<sup>41</sup> *Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

Good morning everyone,

Today I'd like to express how as we go our course in life there are times when things do not go according to our own will, but still we need to stand in the position where we are able to endure and go to the end. Who are the people who are able to go to the end?

If we are studying just for our own selves then it could be very difficult, but if we consider that whether we are able to understand a particular word or not will affect the life of our nation, will affect the lives of people all across Korea, and will affect God's providence, then we can see how serious it is that we do our studies properly. If we consider that our failure to understand one particular word in a phrase could affect the lives of tens of millions of people, the lives of the entire population of our country, then we can study with such seriousness that we can even study through the night in order to study what we must learn.

If we apply ourselves in such a way, that we will not miss even one word, even one character in our studies, if we invest that much sincerity and dedication into our studies, then we will be able to get the result that we want, the grade that we are seeking to receive.

Also in our course in life, how serious we are in everything that we do will affect the result. How can we forget how important it is for us to even be willing to put our lives on the line, to be that serious in everything that we do? Mothers often say, "Oh my child is not intelligent; he cannot get good grades." It is not because the child is dumb or stupid but because of a lack of concentration. Imagine if a person is in a place where he is about to die, and he has one chance to live if he is able to learn a particular thing, then in that moment he will have photographic memory. He will be able to remember everything that he sees.

In our studies, for example, if we invest that much seriousness, then there is nothing that we cannot learn. Father said that in the problems with the Bible, there were times when he

would struggle over an issue for a year, two years, even three years. I saw Father's personal Bible, and it was filled with red lines under the verses.

When we are working for ourselves, doing everything for ourselves, there is no hope, but there is always hope when we are doing things for the nation or for God. That's because the nation, the world and God will always be resurrected, will continue to live. A person who studies with that amount of sincerity and seriousness may not be able to accomplish much in the short term, but certainly in the long term that person will remain in history.

The pain that Jesus suffered 2,000 years ago has remained in the hearts of people throughout these centuries and the circumstances that he experienced during his life have been circumstances that everyone that has lived afterwards has also experienced.

We need to know that we must be able to endure things that are even more difficult than the present if we are to remain to the end. We must be sure to remember that everything that we leave behind that is centering on ourselves will simply be washed away in the flow of history.

I believe that Jesus knew that only things done centering on God would remain, so he invested a lot of effort into doing things only centered on God. Even when he finally went before God he did not go that way in a disappointed or in a destroyed state; he always maintained his position on the path as God's son, on the path of hope and of righteousness.

Many people since then have said that they would go the same path as Jesus but not many have been able to do that in actuality. Father said that many times, he pledged, even biting his tongue in his pledge, that he would go together with God on the course that Jesus went. Even at the time of his execution, Jesus stood steadfast and prayed for the forgiveness of those who killed him.

I think Jesus must have thought in that moment, "Now I am returning to God but I will certainly come again when the time is right." I think also that he must have been thinking that the day of our victory will be the day when we conquer the world and that day we will be able to forgive our enemies. Even in the moment of his death, he was absolutely confident in his actual victory and looking forward to that time; he prayed and blessed the Romans and others who would be the defeated ones in that eventual victory.

We can see that Jesus was a person who could conquer everything, both internally and externally. He must have thought how he had to establish the standard of loyalty and filial piety before God. He was a person that everyone in the world cannot but respect because even in that moment he was able to forgive his enemies this way. We see that Jesus' life whether internally or externally - was one where there was no defect. His life did not end with just his 33 years on earth. All this time, he has continued to live his life in this world.

History could not flow anyway other than the way Jesus sought to go, and it could not go towards any other goal than the goal towards which Jesus sought to go. That is why Christianity had to become a worldwide religion; no matter how much it was persecuted, no matter how much it was suppressed, it could not be destroyed. Instead it was destined to

remain and become a worldwide religion. No matter how much persecution was hit upon the Christians that only led to greater and greater victories.

We who are in the Sanctuary Church are going the same path today. We need to remember, we need to have the confidence, and we need to pledge ourselves morning and evening that we are working for the sake of God and that we were born for the sake of building CIG on this earth. We know that Father gave the Second King of CIG his prayer of blessing and that he has invested in the Second King his sincerity and dedication so that he can build that kingdom on this earth.

We must have the certainty and the conviction that we were born to this world for the sake of building this kingdom and when we do that we will be the people who can remain on this path to the end. When we have that great goal, that great desire and that great ambition we can remain on this path to the end.

Let us be the people who remain to the end! When we die, let us not die with our enemies but rather let us die with heaven so that heaven may be with us then.

That is how Jesus lived; he devoted his entire energy into taking total responsibility for the future of Israel, and he went the course that he had to go in order to do that. His disciples all ran away; they scattered because they wanted to preserve their own lives, but Jesus did not think that way. Even until the end, he lived for the sake of God's will and walked the course that he had to go in order to preserve the providence and the will of God in this world.

Jesus knew that by doing this he would be able to plant a new tradition in the satanic world, so he went that way to accomplish that. He prayed, "Oh my Father if it may be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but I Thou wilt." This prayer of Jesus contains everything; everything is in that short prayer.

Let's remember this prayer this morning and as members of Sanctuary Church let's determine ourselves to be the people who will remain on this course to the end, to the final goal,

Thank you.

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