

We will begin the 19th lecture on the book of John. /The message is from John 21. /The title of the chapter is “The Lord’s Request.” /Here are the main points of this chapter.

/First, the disciples fail because of their disobedience. /Verses 1-5. /Second, the disciples succeed because they obey. /Verses 6-14. /Third, questions and answers, and a request. /Verses 15-17. /Fourth, be prepared to be martyred. /Verses 18-19. /Fifth, do not be mindful of the business of others. /Verses 20-23. /Sixth, the truth is endless. /Verses 24-25.

/Verse 1. Let us read. /After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way.

/The Sea of Tiberias is the Sea of Galilee. /Chapter 20 says that the risen Jesus appeared in Judea. /Here in chapter 21, it says that Jesus appeared in Galilee. /He appeared before the disciples. /The risen Jesus had appeared.

/Verses 2-3. /Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

/Seven disciples went out to catch fish. /Simon Peter first said, “I am going fishing.” /The disciples followed Jesus for 3 years. /Jesus said to his disciples, “I will make you fishers of men.”

/Through Jesus, whom they followed for three years, they learned the truth. /Jesus had told them several times about his resurrection. /In chapter 20, Jesus twice showed his risen self to the disciples.

/Furthermore, Thomas touched the nail marks on Jesus’ hands and Jesus’ pierced side. /Still, the disciples had forgotten about their mission. /20:19 /20:26 /After his resurrection, Jesus revealed himself to the disciples.

/What should the disciples now do? /They need to preach about the risen Jesus. /The fact that the disciples went fishing shows us that they were leaning towards the things of the world. /They were leaning towards the things of the flesh rather than spiritual things.

/The disciples prioritized eating and living. /They were leaning towards materialism and secularism. /The night they went fishing, they didn’t catch any fish. /They worked all night long, but they did not catch a single fish.

/These disciples were professionals in catching fish in the Sea of Galilee. /They were very skilled at it. /However, they tried all night long, but did not catch one fish. /God is in control of the fish.

/He is in control of the sparrow. /Matthew 10:29 /God was the one who did not let them catch any fish. /It was to their benefit that they didn't catch anything.

/If they had caught fish, they would have gone into the world. /But because they didn't catch anything, they were able to repent. /Through failure, they repented.

/Verse 4. /Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

/Jesus came to the disciples. /The disciples abandoned Jesus and forgot their calling as they leaned towards the world. /However, Jesus did not abandon his disciples, but he went to them.

/Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not recognize him. /The eyes of their hearts had lost sight. /Luke 24:15,16 /When believers of today become more centered on material things, the eyes of our spirits lose their sight. /If this happens, believers will fail.

/Verse 5. /Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No."

/Jesus asked the disciples, "Children, do you have any fish?" /The disciples heard Jesus' voice.

/Verse 6. /He said to them, "Cast the net 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.

/The disciples could not catch any fish. /Jonah repented after he was swallowed by a fish. /Similarly, believers' failures can be beneficial for them. /Hosea 2:6,15

/In verse 6, Jesus said, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat." /All through the night, the disciples had cast the net on the right side of the boat. /Fishing on the right side again goes against human thinking and logic.

/However, we can only succeed when we cast the net to the place where the Lord commands. /The disciples immediately obeyed. /Obedience is better than sacrifice. /1 Samuel 15:21 /We need to obey God's commands in doing work in the church, work in the world, and work in the family.

/We may think it impossible in our human minds, but we can succeed if we obey. /Jesus commands the fish. /He commands the winds and waves. /He commands the quails. /He is in command of the life and death of lives.

/Why did Jesus allow the disciples to catch so many fish? /He wanted to open their spiritual eyes. /He also wanted his disciples to understand their calling.

/Furthermore, he wants them to be fishers of men. /If we obey in this way, we will succeed. /God is in command of all things. /He is in command of the fish. /The Lord is in control of the hairs on our heads. /Although it may seem like we will not succeed if we obey, we can succeed.

/Verse 7. /That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.

/The eyes of their spirits were opened when the disciples obeyed. /They recognized Jesus. /The Apostle John said, “It is the Lord!” /At that moment, Simon Peter jumped into the sea.

/Peter found courage, and he ran to Jesus. /There is a reason why Jesus let the disciples catch many fish. /He didn’t do this so they would earn money and become rich.

/He did it to open the eyes of their spirits. /He did it so they may be witnesses of Christ. /Jesus came to the disciples for this reason. /Therefore we too must obey the Lord’s commands. /We need to be believers who bear witness to the resurrected Jesus.

/Verse 8. /The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

/The disciples were about one hundred yards from land. /This is about 90 meters.

/Verse 9. /When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.

/Arriving on land, they saw a charcoal fire. /Fish were laid out on the fire. /Jesus had prepared it for the disciples. /He prepared breakfast for his disciples.

/Jesus even prepares food for his disciples. /We must not worry about food when we do God’s work. /Jesus fully takes care of us.

/We need to obey God’s words. /Then God will take care of our needs. /Matthew 6:33 /1 Corinthians 9:9 /Deuteronomy 11:13-15 /Jesus will provide food for us to eat.

/Therefore we must not worry about food or clothing. /If we do what we are called to do, then Jesus will feed us. /In verse 10, Jesus said, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.”

/Verse 11. /So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.

/The disciples hauled the net ashore. /In the net were 153 large fish. /The number of fish is not important. /They were 153 large fish.

/What is significant is the fact that the net, full of so many fish, did not rip. /God had protected them. /God was with them. /If God helps us, we do not fail. /But if we leave his protection, we cannot do anything. /Psalm 127:1

/Verse 12. /Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.

/Jesus prepared food knowing that his disciples were hungry. /With love, he had provided for them to eat. /The risen Jesus also revealed himself to them.

/He also comforted them and encouraged them. /1 Kings 19:5-8. /Jesus reminded them of their calling. /We too must not return to our unbelief of the past. /We need to obey the word. /We also must fulfill our calling, which is to bear witness about the risen Lord.

/Verse 14. /This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

/Jesus appeared three times. /He revealed himself three times to the disciples after his resurrection. /This is only counting the times he appeared before the disciples. /The first time this happened is in 20:19. /The second time is in 20:26.

/Verse 15. /When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

/After finishing breakfast, Jesus asked Peter, / “Simon, do you love me more than these?” /He asked Peter if he loved him more than anyone else.

/We need to love Jesus more than any other person. /We need to love him more than we love anything in this world. /Also, we need to love him more than we love ourselves. /In Matthew 26:33, /Peter assures Jesus that he will not abandon him.

/However, Peter denied Jesus three times. /Jesus did this so that Peter would repent. /He asked, “Do you love me more?” /The word love here is “agape” in Greek.

/To this Peter replied, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” /The love that Peter spoke of is “phileo” in Greek. /The “agape” love that Jesus asked Peter is a godly, noble love.

/When Peter responded with “phileo,” he was referring to the love in friendship between friends. /Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” / “Lambs” refers to young children who believe in Jesus.

/A lamb is a little one who believes in Jesus. /Matthew 18:5-6. /It also refers to a believer with a young faith. /It also refers to a young child.

/We need to value these lambs and receive them. / “To feed” means to spiritually feed the word of God to the children. /It is to teach them the word of God.

/It is important to teach the Bible. /1 Timothy 3:15,16 /We can only feed the lambs if we love Jesus with a burning love.

/Verse 16. /He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

/Jesus asked Peter a second time. / “Do you love me?” /Jesus asked about “agape” love. / Peter then replied with “philio” love.” /Jesus said, “Tend my sheep.”

/ “Tend my sheep” means to guide the sheep according to the Lord’s will. /We need to take care of the sheep. /We need to nurture them well. /We must raise them well. /Galatians 4:19 /We must protect them from bears or wolves. /We must protect the sheep.

/Verse 17. /He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

/Jesus asked Peter a third time. / “Do you love me?” /Here, Jesus asked using the word “philio.” /Peter replied using the word “philio.”

/Jesus asked Peter the question a third time. /Because of this, Peter was grieved. /He was grieved. /Peter denied Jesus three times. /Jesus asked Peter, “Do you love me?” three times.

/Jesus did this because he wanted Peter to repent. /He was teaching him that it is important to teach the sheep. /The duty of an apostle is a precious and noble duty. /In other words, an apostle’s calling and responsibilities are important.

/Peter, who was grieved, replied. /With a trembling heart, Peter answered Jesus. /He said, “I love you.” /Then Jesus replied, “Feed my sheep.”

/We will only love the flock of sheep if we love the Lord with all our heart. /We need to nurture church members with the power that comes from loving Jesus. /We will love the flock if we love Jesus.

/We will love church members only if we love Jesus. /We will love church members with a willingness to lay down our lives for them only if we love Jesus with a willingness to give our lives for him.

/Verse 18. /Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.”

/Jesus said to Peter, “When you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted.” /He is saying that when Peter was young, he went wherever he wanted to go.

/When Peter was young, he walked wherever he wanted. /Peter went to catch fish. /When Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter ran away. /He denied Jesus three times.

/Also, when Jesus died on the cross, Peter, from a distance, watched him. /When Peter grows old, he will stretch out his hands. /To “stretch out his hands” means Peter will leave everything to God.

/Now, there is nothing that Peter wants. /Whether he lives or dies, he is leaving everything to God. /Peter lives and dies according to the will of God. /He no longer walks wherever he wants.

/Peter is willing to die if the Lord tells him to die for the gospel. /He will go forward even if he encounters hardships and even if he may be tied up.

/To stretch out the hands also means being martyred. /We need to leave everything to God. /We need to leave to God our life and our death. /And we must only preach the gospel.

/Verse 19. /(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

/This is a prophecy of the kind of death Peter will die. /Peter was martyred at 64 AD during the time of the Roman Emperor Nero. /Legend has it that Peter was crucified upside down on a cross.

/Then Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.” /It is important that we follow Jesus. /We need to follow Jesus until the end even when we endure persecution and hardships.

/We need to keep the commandments. /We need to fulfill our mission. /We need to become more like the Lord. /Carrying the cross and following Jesus is the way of following the Lord. /It is a way of suffering and sacrifice.

/Verse 20. /Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?”

/The disciple whom Jesus loved is John the Apostle. /It is the John who wrote the book of John. /At the last supper, John reclined on Jesus and asked him this question. /He was also there at the foot of Jesus’ cross.

/Verse 21. /When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”

/Peter asked Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” /He asked about the Apostle John’s future.

/Verse 22. /Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”

/Jesus is telling Peter to mind his own business. /He is saying that Peter should focus on doing what he has to do. /We do not gain anything from being concerned about others. / We shouldn’t get involved in other people’s business, but we should focus on what we need to do in our own lives.

/Jesus is telling Peter to be faithful, to be prepared to be martyred. /Jesus said, “If it is my will that he remain until I come.” / “Until I come” is a reference to the time when the Apostle John is given the revelation on the island of Patmos.

/John the Apostle wrote the book of Revelation on the island of Patmos. /Jesus appeared to John and showed him the things. /Revelation 1:12-20 /John is to remain alive in this world until that time.

/It is said that the Apostle John lived to the age of 100. /Preaching the word of God, John endured hardships and was living in exile on Patmos. /He lived to an old age as it was predicted.

/Living for a long time, the Apostle John taught the truth to his disciples. /It was predicted that Peter would be martyred. /In this way, each of the disciples had their own calling.

/We need to do what God has called each one of us to do. /Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.” /Jesus is telling Peter to not be bothered by other people’s business.

/We just need to do what we personally should do. /God has given every person a different calling. /We as individuals need to do what he has called us to do.

/Verse 23. /So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

/Jesus said, “If it is my will that he remain until I come.” /The disciples misunderstood this as “John will not die.” /They didn’t properly understand what Jesus was saying.

/The other disciples had made speculations about the meaning of what Jesus said. /We must not twist words with our guesses. /We need to know the truth before we speak what we hear. /It was meant that the Apostle John would live to an old age.

/As John lives for a long time, he has the opportunity to continue to preach the gospel to his disciples. /Thus it is a good thing for us to live long. /For a longer period, we will be able to pass on the word to our disciples and our descendants.

/In Acts 12, John's brother, James, is martyred. /He was the first of the twelve disciples to be martyred. /In this way, God has given every person a different calling, and he has a will for everyone.

/Verse 24. /This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

/This makes it known that the Apostle John wrote the book of John. /He bore witness about the things that he saw, heard, and touched with his hands. /1 John 1:1 /He followed Jesus for three years.

/He followed Jesus to the foot of the cross. /John was there when Jesus was tried. /Several times, he saw the risen Jesus with his own eyes. /He spoke with the resurrected Jesus.

/John recorded in this book the things that he saw and heard. /Therefore his testimony is true. /The Bible is the truth. /The Holy Spirit wrote this book through the Apostle John.

/Therefore we can believe that the Bible is true. /We believe it is true because the writers of the books of the Bible saw, heard, and touched. /Through the Holy Spirit, with faith, we believe the Bible is true.

/Verse 25. /Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

/The book of John does not include everything that Jesus did. /20:30,31 /Its purpose is to bring people to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the Christ.

/The purpose of the book is to bring believers to believe in Jesus and receive salvation and life. /20:31 /It only includes the important things that Jesus did.

/It includes the things that Jesus did that are truly necessary. /If the book included everything that Jesus ever did, the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. /Thus the 66 books of the Bible are perfect. /They are enough.

/Therefore the Bible is the truth. /Through this Bible, we believe and receive salvation. /The Bible contains wisdom. /It is about Jesus. /5:39

/Whoever reads the Bible and keeps what is written is blessed. /Revelation 1:3 /We believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. /We believe that he is the way, the truth, and the life.

/By believing in Jesus, we receive salvation and eternal life. /This is the grace of God.
/You all have become preachers of the gospel. /We, like Peter and John, must spread the
gospel to the ends of the earth.

/This concludes the 19th lecture on the book of John. /Thank you for listening.