


Human Failure and Spiritual Power
John 21:1-14

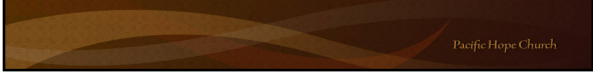


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Luke 10:17 *The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."*



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Matthew 17:2 *And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. And...Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with*

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Mark 10:28 *"Behold, we have left everything and followed You."*

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Luke 9:54 *James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"*

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Luke 9:46 *Then a dispute arose among them as to which of them would be greatest.*

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Mark 10:37 *"Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your glory."*

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Matthew 26:31 *Jesus said..."You will all fall away because of Me this night...But Peter said to Him, "Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away."*

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Mark 14:31 *"If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.*

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Luke 24:11 *...But these words appeared to them as nonsense, and they would not believe them.*

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Mark 16:14 *Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.*

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Matthew 26:32 *But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.*

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Matthew 28:10 *“Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”*

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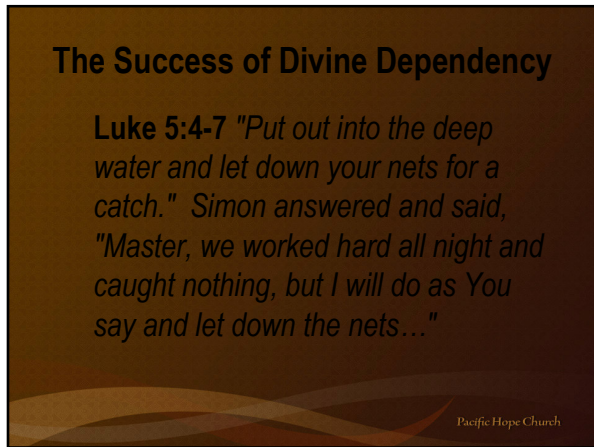
Mark 1:17 *Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.*

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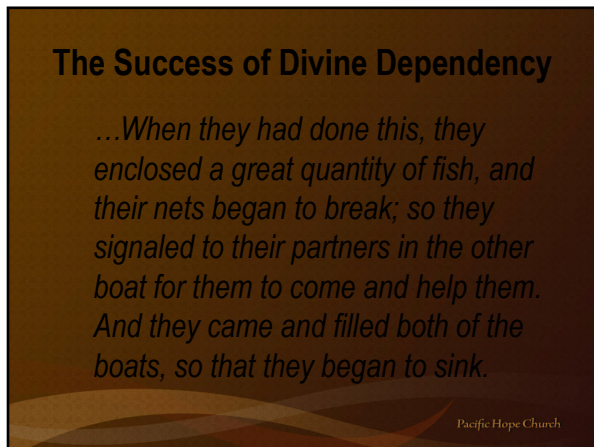
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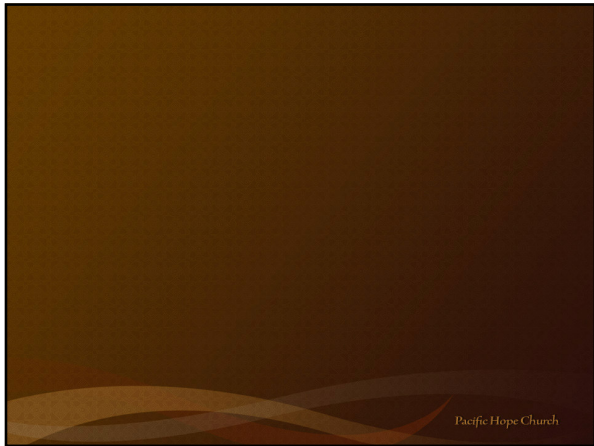
Luke 5:4-7 "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets..."



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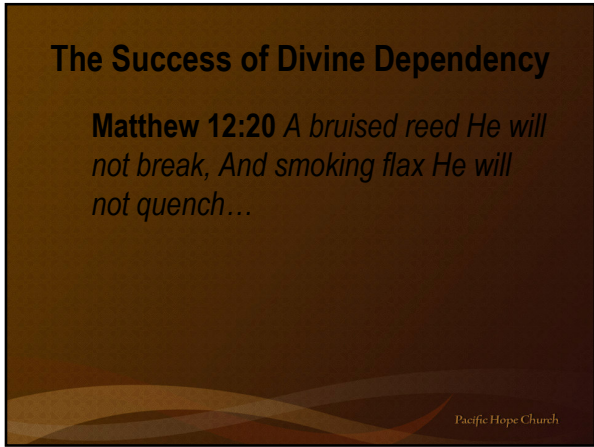
...When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.

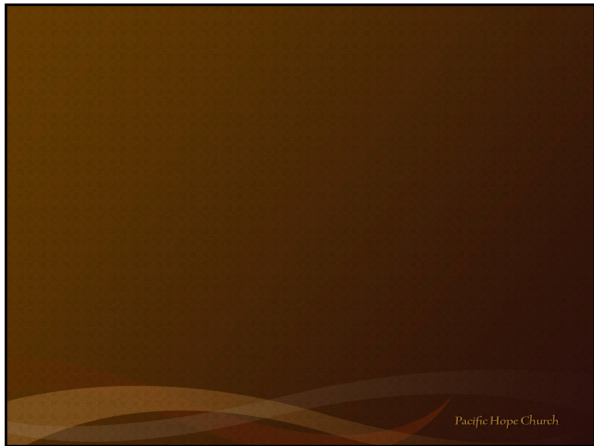




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Matthew 12:20 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench...





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"It is unsurprising that someone counted them, either as part of dividing them up amongst the fishermen in preparation for sale..."

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...or because one of the men was so dumfounded by the size of the catch that he said something like this: 'Can you believe it? I wonder how many there are?'"

-D.A. Carson

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John 15:5 *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."*

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Proverbs 28:26 *He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, But he who walks wisely will be delivered.*

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In the first place, the first qualification for serving God with any amount of success, and for doing God's work well and triumphantly, is a sense of our own weakness...

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...When God's warrior marches forth to battle with plumed helmet, and with mail about his loins, strong in his own majesty— when he says...

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...“I know that I shall conquer, my own right arm and my mighty sword shall get unto me the victory, defeat is not far distant. God will not go forth with that man who goeth forth in his own strength...”

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...He who reckoneth on victory having first calculated his own might, has reckoned wrongly, for "it is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts..."

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...They that go forth to fight, boasting that they can do it, shall return with their banners trailed in the dust, and with their armor stained with defeat; for God will not go forth with the man who goeth forth in his own strength...

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...God hath said it; men must serve him, they must serve him in his own way, and they must serve him in his own strength too, or he will never accept their service. ...

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...God will have no strength used in his own battles but the strength which he himself imparts, and I would not have you that are now distressed in the least discouraged by it...

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...Your emptiness is but the preparation for your being filled, and your casting down is but the making ready for your lifting up.

-C.H. Spurgeon

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