

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH
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NEW LIFE NEW LIVING

John 20:19-29, 21:12-14 NIV

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A need to minister

Grief 悲伤

Sadness

Mourning

Broken-heartedness 撕心裂肺

Rejection

Betrayal

Abandonment 抛弃

Fear

Stress

Depression

Meaninglessness

Defeat & Losses

Disappointment

Bitterness

Weariness

Exhaustion

Loss of direction &
purpose in life

Giving up life

....etc



blues blues misery

despair despair

woe loss

despair despair

sadness sadness

heartbreak heartbreak

grief grief

letdown letdown

agony agony

suffering suffering

sadness sadness



The Power of JOY

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John 20:19-20 (NIV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the **doors locked** for **fear** of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!”

²⁰ After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were **overjoyed** when they **saw** the Lord.

Proverbs 24:10 (NIV)

**If you falter
in a time of trouble,
how small is your strength!**

John 20:21-22 (NIV)

- 21 Again Jesus said,
“Peace be with you!
**As the Father has sent Me,
I am sending you.”**
- 22 And with that He breathed
on them and said,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

THE POWER OF JOY

1. Jesus - came, spoke, showed
2. Disciples - saw the Lord, were overjoyed
3. Trinity of the Father, Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit

JESUS:

- ***restores, renews, rebuilds***
- ***strengthens the relationship and the joy in Him***



The Power of **FAITH**

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John 20:25b (NIV)

**But he said to them,
“Unless I see the nail marks
in His hands and put my finger
where the nails were,
and put my hand into His side,
I will not believe.”**

John 20:26-27 (NIV)

²⁶ A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **“Peace be with you!”**

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. **Stop doubting and believe.**”

THE POWER OF FAITH

1. Jesus - came, spoke, ask Thomas to touch
2. **Stop** doubting and believe (a command)
3. Thomas confessed who Jesus was –
“My Lord and my God” (v28)
4. Jesus came just for Thomas (1 person)

JESUS:

- restores, renews, rebuilds

- strengthens the relationship and faith in Him



NEVER WILL I LEAVE YOU



NEVER WILL I FORSAKE YOU



HEBREWS 13:5



SUPERMAN



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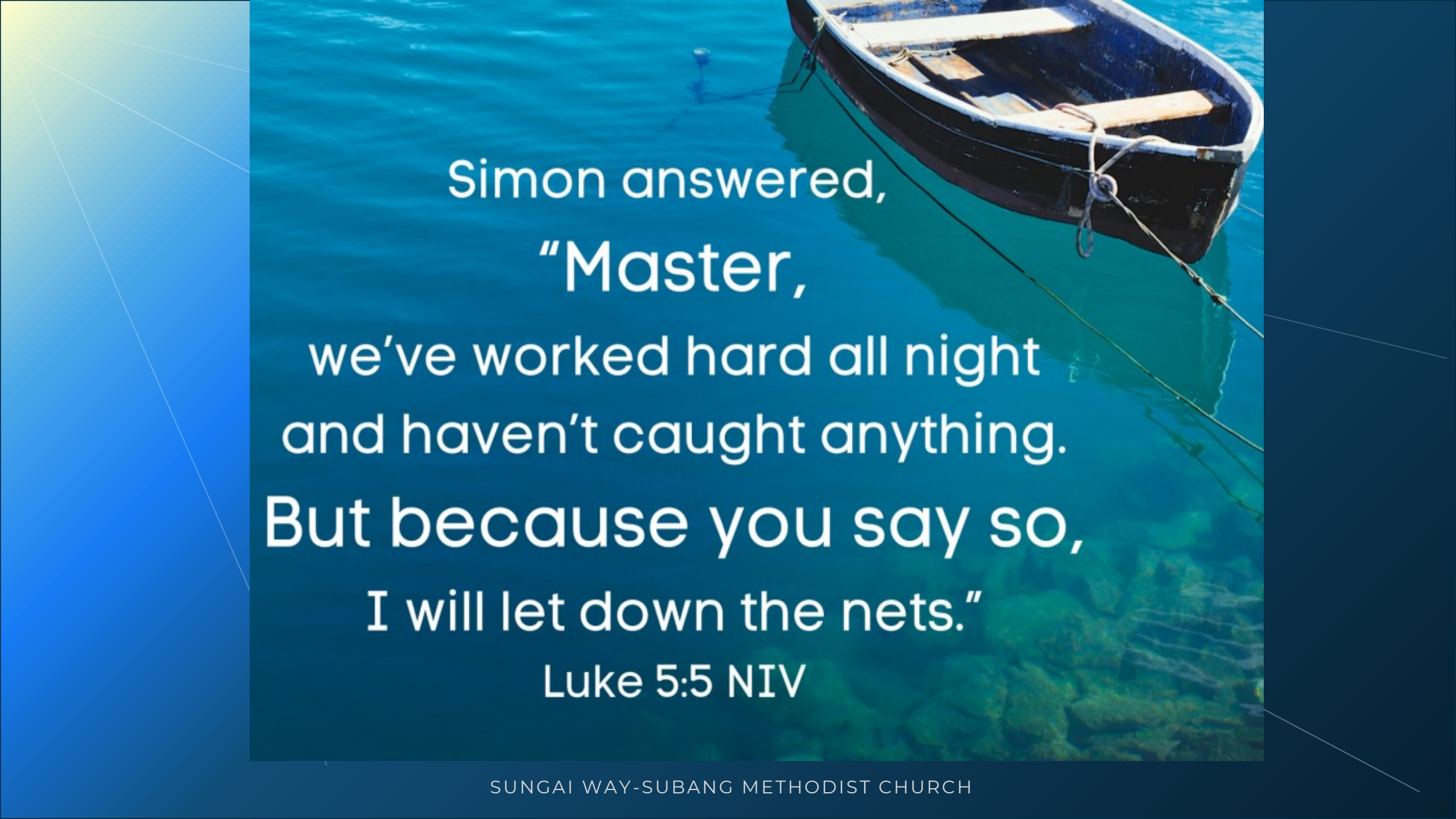
The Power of LOVE

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GONE

FISHING



A wooden boat is shown on clear, bright blue water. The boat is dark brown with a white interior and is tied to a rope. The water is very clear, showing some rocks or sand at the bottom. The text is overlaid on the water in white, sans-serif font.

Simon answered,
"Master,
we've worked hard all night
and haven't caught anything.
But because you say so,
I will let down the nets."

Luke 5:5 NIV

CAN MAN DEPEND ON HIS STRENGTH ALONE?

- ▶ My profession
- ▶ My area of expertise
- ▶ My years of experience
- ▶ My self-confidence and self-assurance

Unacceptable:

- Mistakes, failure, falling short of expectations...

A man wearing a green hoodie is shown in profile, looking down. The background is a dramatic landscape with a green hill, a single tree, and a dark, stormy sky with lightning. A large thought bubble is positioned above the man's head, containing the text "Why did it happen?".

Why
did it
happen?

GOD MAY ALLOW IT TO HAPPEN, SO THAT WE MAY...

- ▶ **Be humble**
- ▶ **Not be boastful**
- ▶ **Rely on HIM**
- ▶ **Not rely on own ability & cleverness**
- ▶ **Experience HIM**
- ▶ **Return to HIM**

THE POWER OF LOVE OVERCOMES YOUR...

- ▶ Hopelessness
- ▶ Helplessness
- ▶ Disappointments
- ▶ Loneliness
- ▶ Frustrations
- ▶ Anger
- ▶ Exhaustion
- ▶ Sense of defeat

**The thief comes only
to steal and kill and
destroy;**

**I have come that they
might have life, and
have it to the full.**

John 10:10 (NIV)



THE POWER OF LOVE

- ▶ Jesus's gentleness, thoughtfulness
- ▶ "Come and eat" - Jesus prepared for them
- ▶ Used His nail-pierced hand to give the bread and fish to them

So what did Jesus really do?

Jesus redirect their focus back to HIMSELF

Christ Jesus, not on disciples' failures.

CONCLUSION: **NEW LIFE, NEW LIVING**

- ▶ **1st appearance**
 - **The Power of JOY** restored.
 - Faith and hope in Christ Jesus
- ▶ **2nd appearance**
 - **The Power of FAITH** restored.
 - Not a single one was left out
- ▶ **3rd appearance**
 - **The Power of LOVE** restored.
 - The disciples experienced it and were recommissioned.



Encounter JESUS

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Ephesians 1:17-19 (NIV)

¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.

**¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,
¹⁹ and His incomparably great power for us who believe.**

Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV)

¹⁶ I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being,
¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,
¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,
¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.