

A photograph of a small wooden boat on a beach. The boat is dark brown and has a small yellow flag on a pole. A person is sitting on the edge of the boat, looking out towards the ocean. The background shows a sandy beach and a cloudy sky. The image has a slightly aged, textured appearance.

A Fisherman and a Shepherd

**Increasing
Our Influence**



*Why do I
serve?*



Luke 5:4-10 – **4** When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." **5** 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." **6** When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; **7** so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them.



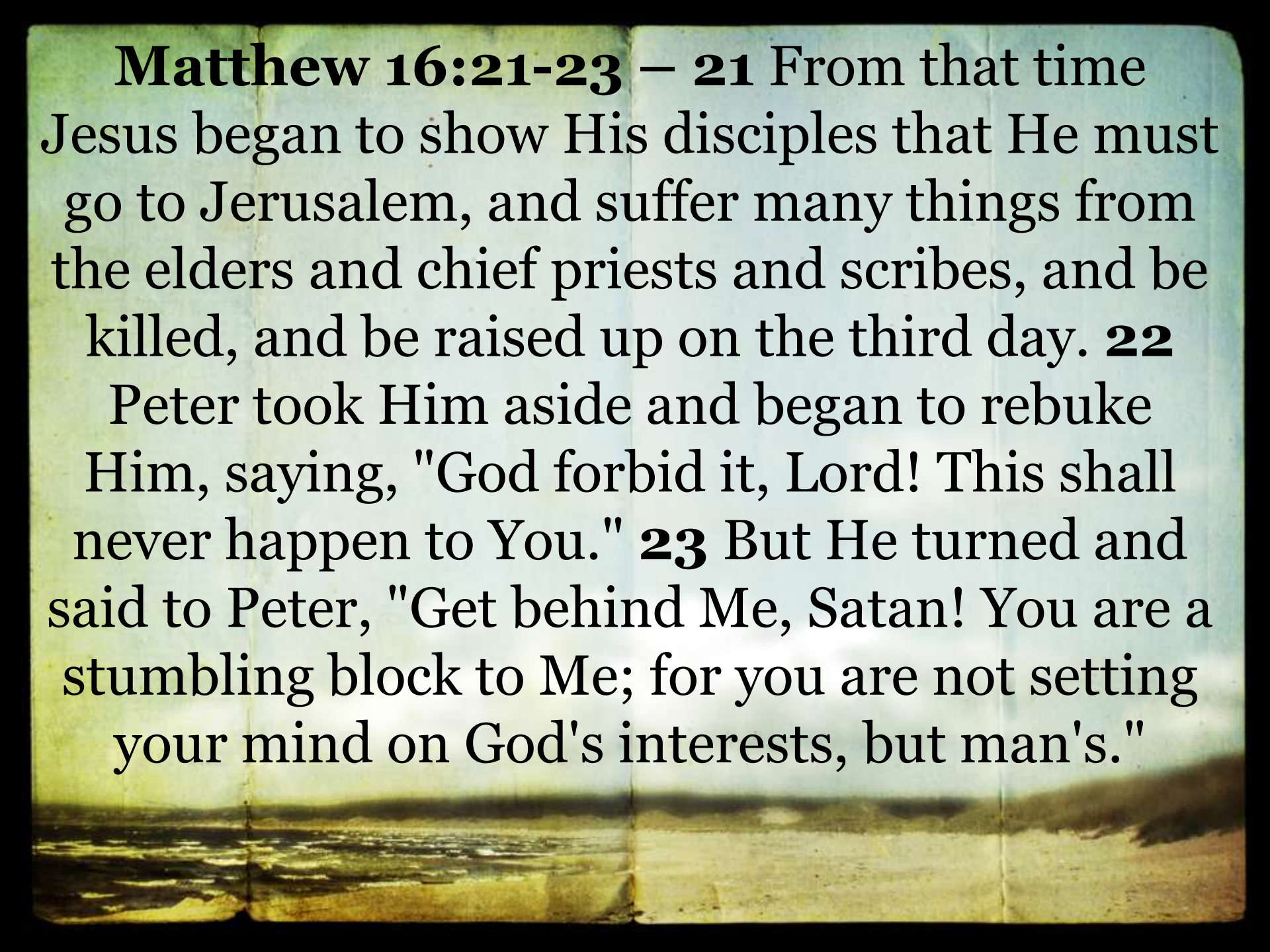
And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink. **8** But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "*Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!*" **9** For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken; **10** and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men."

*Because of
His goodness,
not Mine.*



Matthew 16:21-23 – **21** From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. **22**

Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You." **23** But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

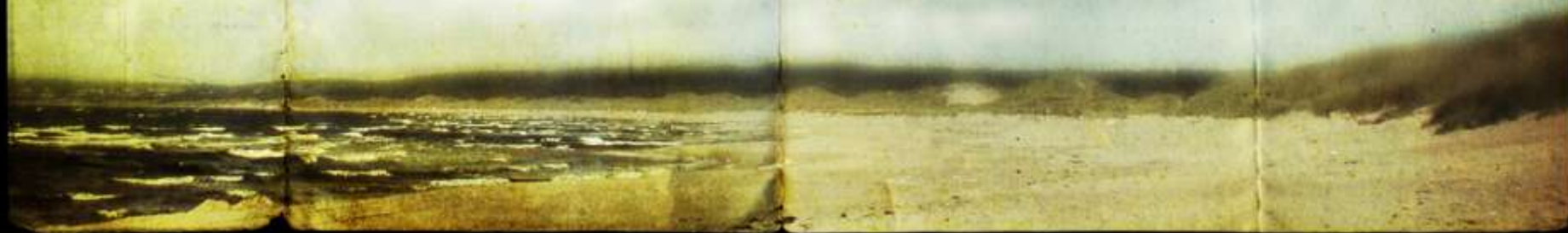


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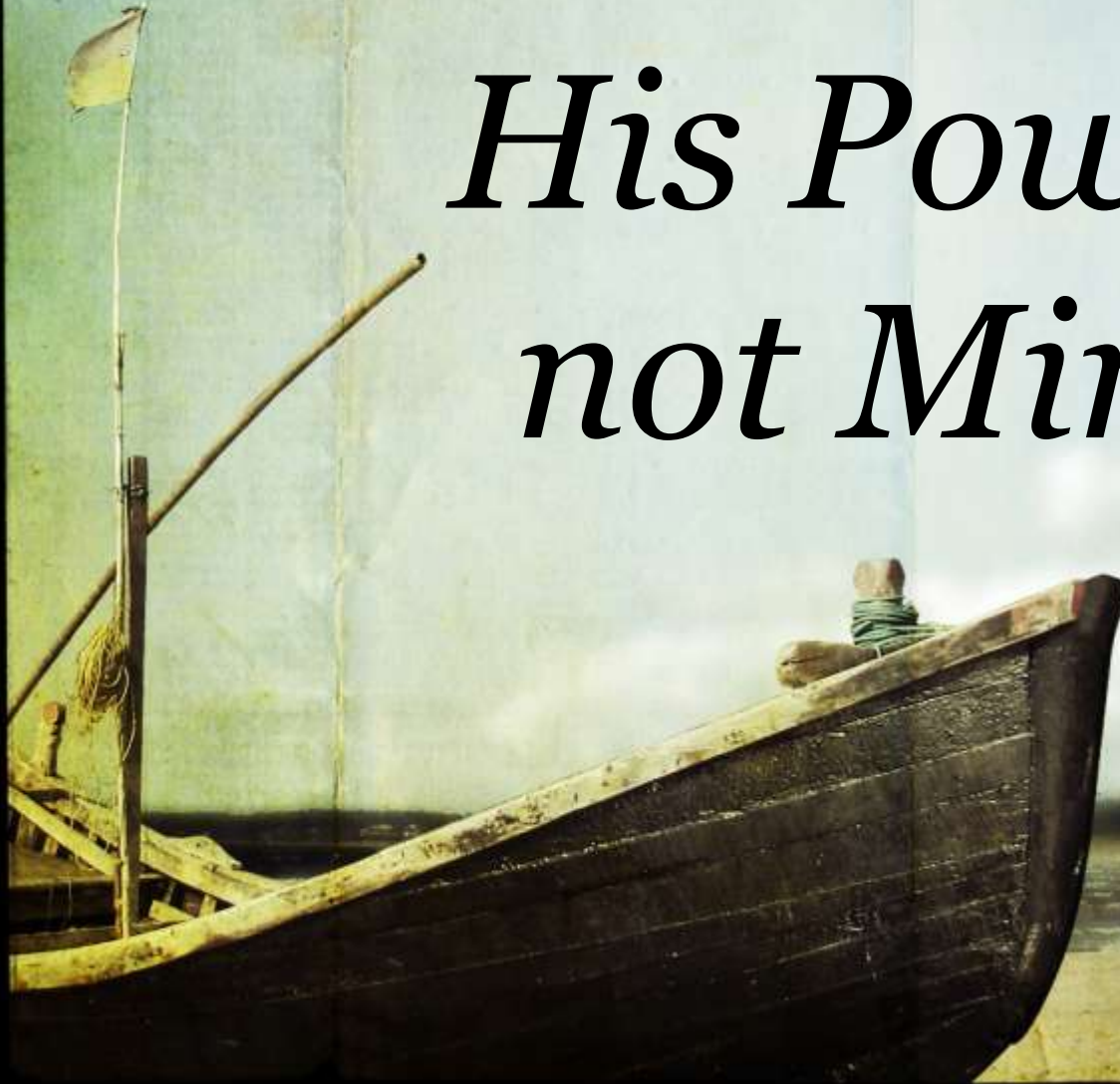


Luke 9:33-35 – **33** And as these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah" — not realizing what he was saying.

34 While he was saying this, a cloud formed and began to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. **35** Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!"

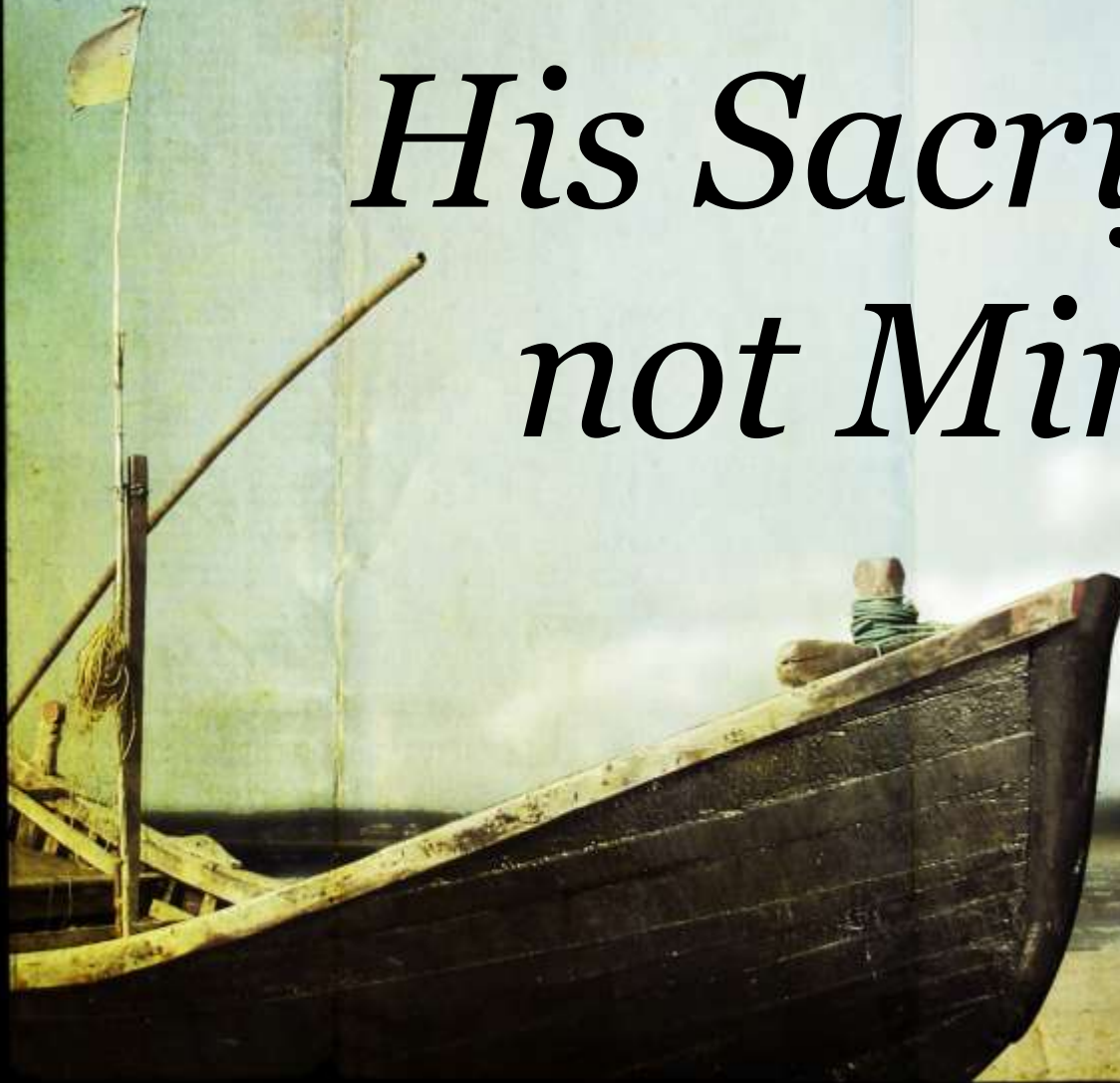



*Because of
His Power,
not Mine.*



John 13:6-9 – **6** So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"
7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter." **8** Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." **9** Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."

*Because of
His Sacrifice,
not Mine.*



An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are a light, aged cream color. The background of the entire image is a photograph of a beach at sunset or sunrise, with waves crashing onto the shore and a hazy, golden sky. The text is printed in a large, bold, black serif font, centered across the pages. The text reads: "Matthew 26:33 – But Peter said to Him, 'Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.'"

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