



“...THE FISHERMEN HAD GONE FROM
THEM AND WERE WASHING THEIR NETS.”
— LUKE 5:3

2 Corinthians 4:8-11

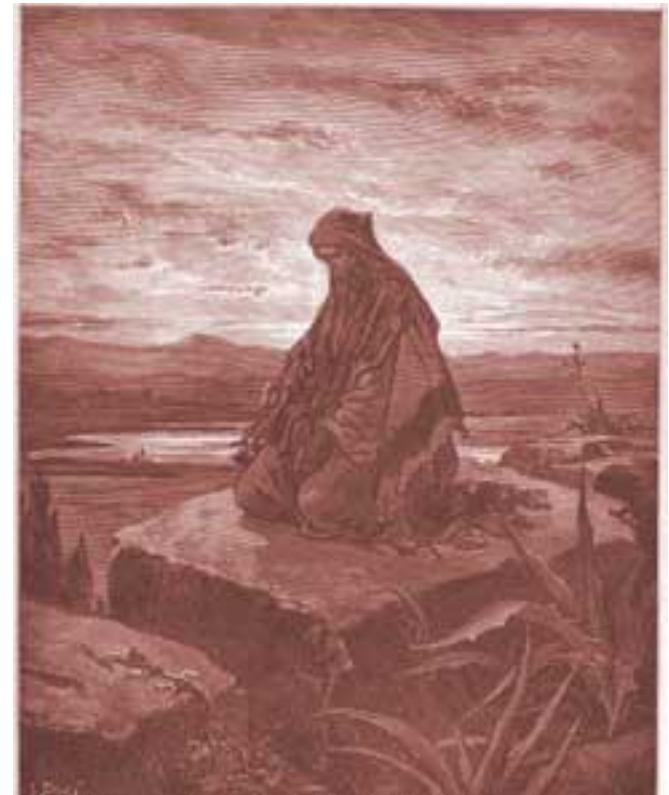
“We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—**always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.** For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, **that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.**”

Isaiah the Prophet

Chapter 6

“In the year that King Uzziah died...”

“Woe is me, for I am undone!
Because I am a man of unclean
lips...” (Is. 6:5)



Step 1: Failure

Experiencing failure is an important step for growth

Failure is coming to the realization that I need help from God – that His plan for my life is better for me than my plan for my life.

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.” (Is. 55:8-9)



Step 2:

Launching into the Deep

Intimacy with God

“The king has brought me into his chambers.” (SS 1:4)

“But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” (Matt. 6:6)

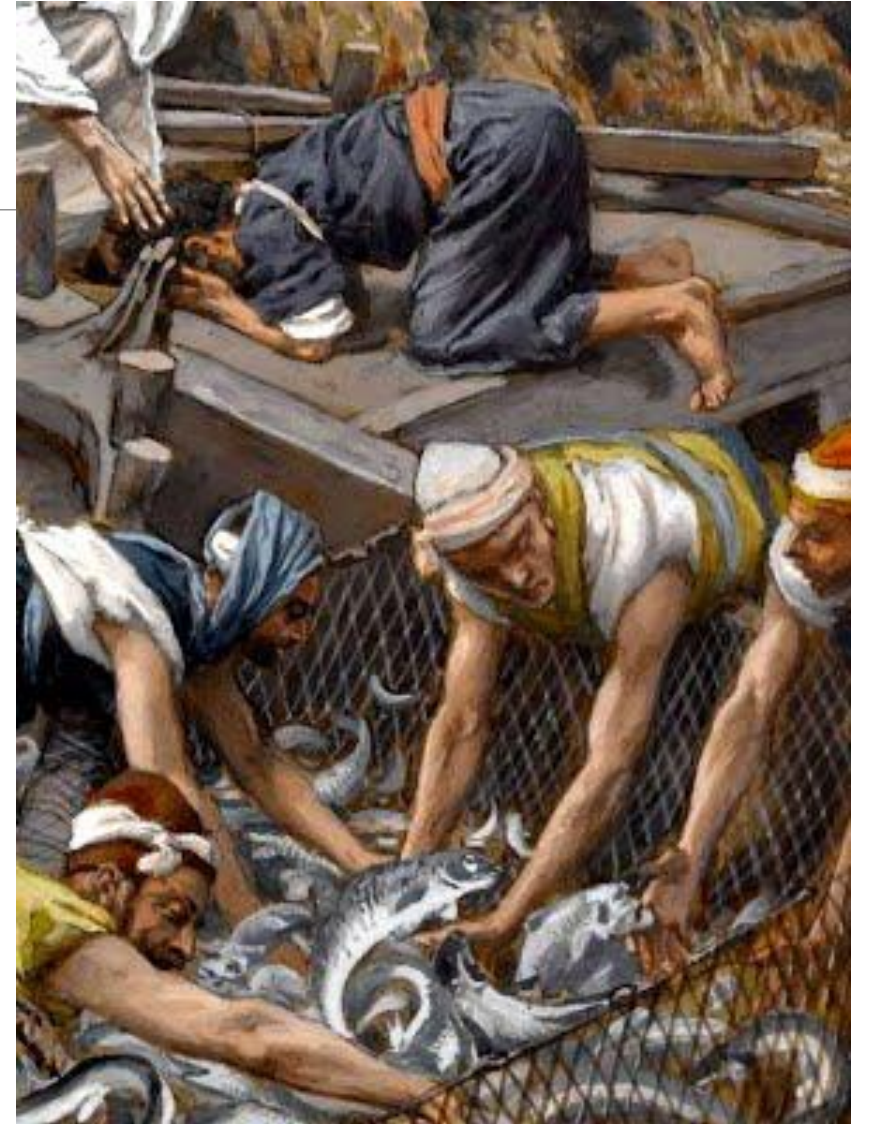
Going into the deep takes faith and obedience



Step 3: Revelation

God reveals Himself to us
generally and individually

- St. Peter
- Our Health



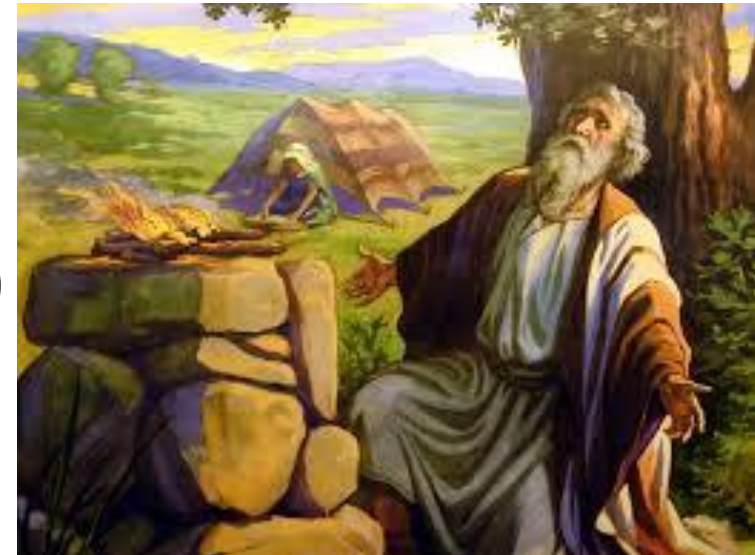
Step 4: Confession

“Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” (Lk. 5:8)

“Woe is me, for I am undone” (Is. 6:5)

Job

- “After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth.” (Job 3:1)
- “I will question you, and you shall answer Me.” (Job 38:3)
- “Then Job answered the Lord and said: “Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth. Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further.” (Job 40:3-5)



Step 4: Confession

My darkness is made manifest in His light

- “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.” (Jn. 12:46)
- “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.” (Eph. 5:8)

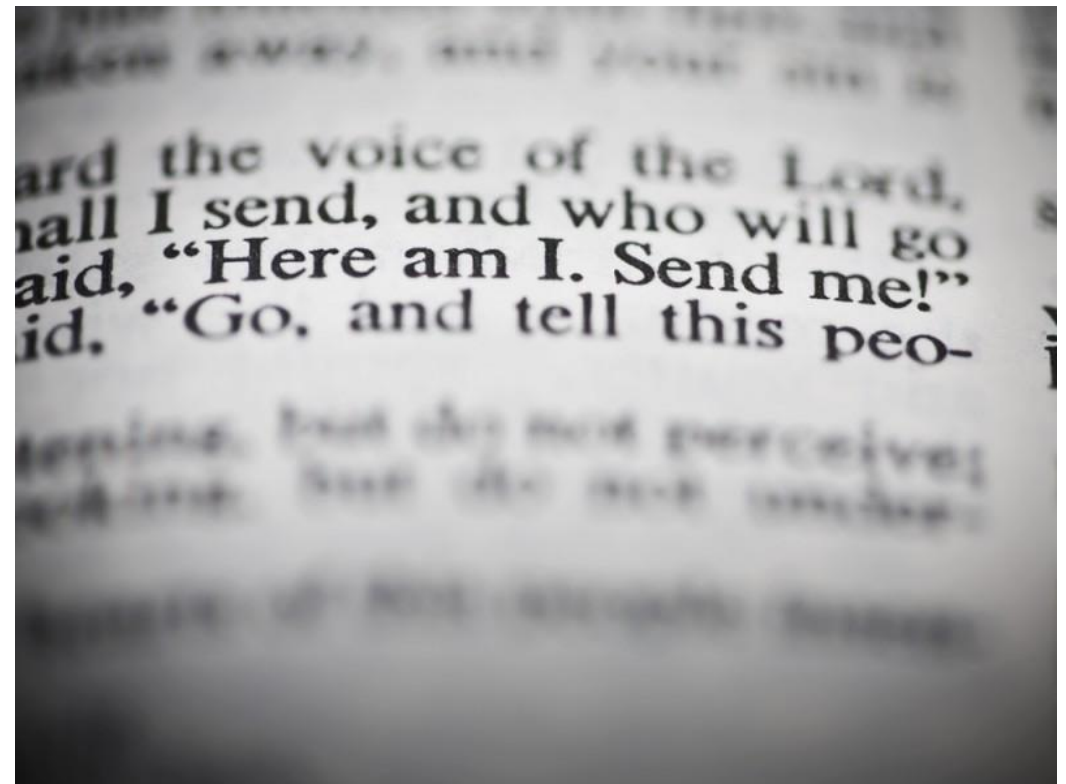


Step 5: Mission

“Here am I! Send me.” (Is. 6:8)

On this level there is continual growth

St. Peter



Summary: Dealing with Failure

5 Steps:

- 1.Failure
- 2.Launching into the deep
- 3.Revelation
- 4.Confession
- 5.Mission