



FLOCK DYNAMICS

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JOHN 21:15-24

JESUS AND PETER

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.” 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.”

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. 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.” (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.”

JESUS AND THE BELOVED APOSTLE

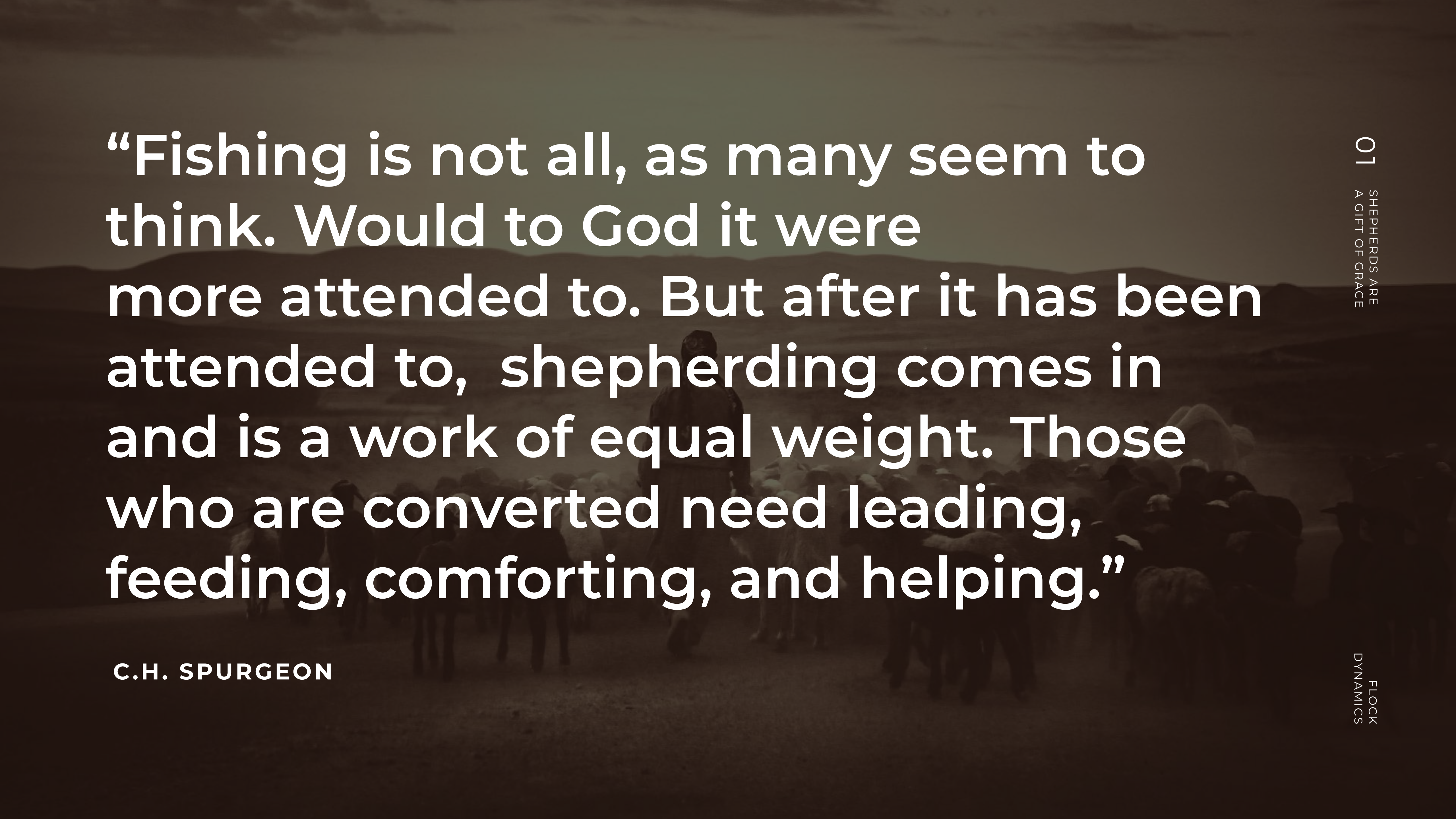
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“Fishing is not all, as many seem to think. Would to God it were more attended to. But after it has been attended to, shepherding comes in and is a work of equal weight. Those who are converted need leading, feeding, comforting, and helping.”

C.H. SPURGEON

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John 21:15





“If you want to understand how committed Jesus is to the church, here’s your answer: He doesn’t just create it and let it be. He marries it. Church is not His hobby, it is His marriage.

SAM ALBERRY

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Jesus catalyzes mission in the flock by helping us get secure in His unique grace for us.

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A flock of sheep is gathered on a rocky ridge in a mountainous landscape. The background features a dense forest of evergreen trees and snow-capped mountain peaks under a clear sky. The overall scene is serene and natural.

“Community without mission is co-dependency. Mission without community creates mercenaries. Community on mission loves, proclaims the good news of Jesus, and displays power of the gospel to change lives.”

JEFF VAN DER STELT