

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Rev. Tony Felich

A Savior for the Fragile and Faint

Matthew 12:14-21

March 1, 2026

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p><b>Matthew 12:14</b> But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. [15] Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all [16] and ordered them not to make him known. [17] This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: [18] “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. [19] He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; [20] a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; [21] and in his name the Gentiles will hope.”</p>	<p><b><i>While religion crushes the fragile and faint, Jesus restores them with mercy.</i></b></p> <p><b>I. The quiet strength of Jesus. (15-19)</b></p> <p><b>II. The tender care of our Savior (20)</b></p> <p><b>III. Christ’s mission of hope and justice (20-21)</b></p> <p><b>Memory verses for 2026-</b></p> <p>Ephesians 4:1–3</p> <p>[1] I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you To walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,</p> <p>[2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,</p> <p>[3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.</p>

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. The text says He would not quarrel or cry aloud (v.19). How should that shape the way Christians engage in controversy—especially online?

2. When have you most identified with the image of a “bruised reed”—bent but not completely broken? What caused that season?

3. How does knowing that Jesus will not break a bruised reed change the way you approach Him in prayer?

4. Given that Jesus is our model, how should we as individuals and as a church minister to the fragile and faint?

5. Why do you think we often try to hide our weakness instead of bringing it to Christ?

6. The sermon emphasized that weak faith in a strong Savior is saving faith. How does that truth challenge your fears about your own spiritual condition?

7. Spurgeon described Christ gently fanning a spark into flame. What practices help Christ “fan” your faith rather than smother it?

## Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: