



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 74

Gospel Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come." So, he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

Spiritual Reflection: It is safe to assume that Peter first meets Jesus in the synagogue. He now invites him into his home. He will eventually invite Jesus into his boat (his place of work). Peter demonstrates to us the fact that we cannot hold back any part our lives from God.

Spiritual Questions

1. How do you involve Jesus in your work life?
2. How do you involve Jesus in your family life?
3. Do your co-workers know that you are a Christian? Why or Why not?
4. What area of your life do you not want to turn over to God?
5. What can you do to better turn control of your life to God?