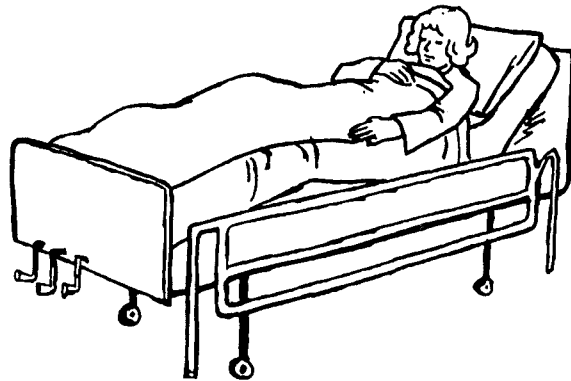


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*(The Healing of Peter's Mother-in-Law)*

*Luke 4:38-44*



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and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.” (v.39)*

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**Text:** Luke 4:31-44

**Subject:** The Healing Of Peter’s Mother-In-Law

“And Jesus stood over Simon’s wife’s mother, and rebuked the fever, and it left her” (v.39)

## Introduction

- ◆ Another revelation of the wisdom and power of Jesus.
- ◆ Another illustration of the ministry of Jesus on behalf of you and me.
- ◆ Another picture of Jesus that lifts the heart of all who believe.
- ◆ Another account of how Jesus knows who we are, where we live, what we need, and how to meet that need.

(Notice Luke 4:30)

“But He passing through the midst of them went His way”

(Notice verse 31)

“And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the Sabbath Days”

**Fact:** Jesus leaves Nazareth and sets up His headquarters in Capernaum.

**Fact:** Capernaum is the home of Peter, Andrew, James and John (on the northern edge of the Sea of Galilee).

**Fact:** It was here where Jesus would live during His Galilean ministry.

## (Why Capernaum?)

- #1. To teach regularly in the synagogues.
- #2. To have a home base to branch out and touch people.
- #3. To exercise power over demons and devils.
- #4. To reveal His compassion in healing the infirmed.

## (It’s Been A Long Day For Jesus)

- ◆ In (v. 33), Jesus is in the synagogue.
- ◆ He encounters a man with an unclean spirit.
- ◆ Jesus rebukes the devil and delivers this man.
- ◆ And all were amazed at Jesus’ power and authority.
- ◆ In (v. 38), Jesus is now out of the synagogue.

**Fact:** Jesus didn’t have to leave the synagogue.

**Fact:** Jesus didn’t have to leave the crowds.

**Fact:** Jesus didn’t have to leave the fame of (v. 37).

## (But Jesus Did What Jesus Still Does)

### I. Jesus Stopped

“Jesus entered into Simon’s house” (v. 38)

**Question:** What was the unpleasant surprise?

**Answer:** “Peter’s wife’s mother was taken with a great fever” (v. 38)

**Fact:** Luke describes it as a “Great fever”.

**Fact:** Fevers were common near the marshy lands of Tabiga.

**Fact:** They were common in the spring time when this miracle took place.

- ◆ And this unpleasant surprise, severe illness, great fever, unscheduled interruption doesn't throw Jesus off balance.

**(Know Why?)**

#1. Because Jesus knows more about your tomorrows than you do about your yesterdays.

#2. Because Jesus has the answer for all our needs before we even realize that we have a need.

**Question:** What does Jesus do?

**Answer:** He stops in His steps towards the dinner, and goes into the room where mom lies prostrate with a fever.

**Question:** Why does Jesus stop by the bedside?

**Answer:** "They besought Him for her" (v. 38) (Which means...)

... that Peter and his three comrades interceded on behalf of the woman.

... that these four sought Jesus on behalf of another.

... that they petitioned Jesus to do something for Peter's mother-in law.

... that Jesus loves to answer prayer when people pray for other people.

... that Jesus invites us to pray for those in need. (He likes to be asked for what He so readily provides)

**Question:** Do you know why Jesus was found in Peter's house?

**Answer:** Because Peter asked Jesus to be there.

- ◆ Peter formally lived in Bethsaida,
- ◆ But Peter moved his dwelling to be nearer to Jesus (to render Jesus' hospitality).
- ◆ Jesus honored Peter's willingness to move and serve eternal interests.

**Fact:** Jesus was welcome there.

**Fact:** Jesus was wanted there.

**Fact:** Jesus was invited there.

## II. **Jesus Stood**

"And He stood over her" (v. 39)

**Question:** What's the big deal about Jesus standing over her?

**Answer:** The big deal is:

- ◆ We all have those times when we get disturbed over existing conditions.
- ◆ We all get anxious at times over things outside of our control.
- ◆ We all get nervous at times as these 4 disciples were.

**(But What A Blessed Thought)**

- ◆ That Jesus comes over to the bedside.
- ◆ That Jesus comes near to the woman.
- ◆ That Jesus comes close to the need.

**"And "Stands Over" You Today – Just As He did On That Day"**

**Fact:** Jesus "Stands" (He can see clearly).

**Fact:** Jesus stands "Over" (Which means:)

- ◆ Everything is under and subject to His rule and authority in your life (repeat)
- ◆ He stood over the woman,
- ◆ And He stands over you.

### Application

Maybe you have been looking down!  
 Maybe you have been weary and worn!  
 Maybe you have been feeling "It's no use"!  
 Maybe you have been desperate for a miracle!

- ◆ Jesus still "Stands over" you!
- ◆ Turn your eyes upward, vertical (and you'll see Jesus still reigning over all).

### III. Jesus Spoke

"And Jesus rebuked the fever" (v. 39)

**Question:** Why did Jesus speak?

**Question:** What did Jesus say?

**Answer:** Jesus "Rebuked the fever" as if addressing the outbreak of some hostile power.

#### (He Exercised His Delegated Authority)

#### Why?

- #1. To reveal to us that He has the legal right to address anything that needs to be addressed.
- #2. To reveal to us that He has the power over every work of darkness.
- #3. To reveal to us that He will speak to the things (anything) that hinders us from doing His will.

### IV. Jesus Stretched

- ◆ Matthew 8:15 records: "Jesus touched her hand".
- ◆ Mark 1:31 records: "Jesus came and took her by the hand and lifted her up".
- ◆ Luke 4:39 records "And immediately she arose".

**Fact:** Jesus stretched out His healing hand.

**Fact:** Jesus touched and lifted her up.

**Fact:** Jesus healed her by the power in His Name.

#### (And Two Miracles Took Place)

- #1. The infirmity left her (the fever came out).
- #2. The strength of God came in (as new life was poured into her).

**Question:** Why did Jesus heal the multitude after the sun went down? (v. 40)

**Answer:** Because the Jews didn't consider it lawful to heal on the Sabbath Day.

- ◆ That is why they didn't bring their sick until after sundown when the Sabbath Day ended.

### Conclusion

**Question:** What happened after Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law?

**Answer:** The whole city showed up at Peter's door.

- ◆ They brought the sick and afflicted.

- ◆ They came to the place of healing.
- ◆ They journeyed to this Man from heaven.
- ◆ They believed that Jesus is still Jesus.

(V. 40), “He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them”

(V. 41), “And devils also came out”

**(Which Means)**

- #1. Sickness comes under Jesus’ authority (and)
- #2. Sin comes under Jesus’ authority.

**Appeal:** What is it today, that Jesus needs to heal you of?

**Appeal:** What is it today, that Jesus needs to deliver you of?

**Appeal:** What is it today, that Jesus needs to address in your life this very hour?

**(Life Application)**

- #1. Jesus has all we need, but it only becomes a reality to us as we learn to pray and seek Him in the process.
- #2. When Peter’s mother-in-law was healed, “She arose and served” (Which Means:)

I am responsible to God to use what He blesses me with and pass it on to others.

◆ He gives us back our health that we may use it for His glory!

- #3. The sovereignty of God means that Jesus is “Over” every event of your life and nothing takes Him by surprise.
- #4. Jesus has all authority over every work of darkness and not one sin or habit is more powerful than He is.
- #5. As Jesus left the fame of the healing crusade in the synagogue and went into Peter’s house – so we are called to be motivated by the needs we see, not the applause we receive.
- #6. As Jesus visited Peter’s house the exact time when the need arose, so God’s timing will be perfect in your life as well. (He is never too early and never too late).
- #7. As the people sought the Lord and begged Him not to leave them, (so God wants to give us the same spirit where we never want to grieve His presence with us – so He will always feel welcome).

**AMEN!**

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