

Jesus Restores the Ones You Love

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"They begged Him to help her."

-Luke 4:38

Jesus had just silenced a demon in the synagogue.

The room was still buzzing.

(Mark 1:21-28)

But when He stepped into Peter's house,

He stepped into a new front in the same war-

not the public battle in the synagogue,

but the private battle in a home.

(Mark 1:29)

Peter's mother-in-law lay burning

with a great fever.

In their world, a high fever was a crisis-

dangerous, unpredictable, potentially fatal.

(Luke 4:38)

And the disciples knew it.

They begged Jesus-

the kind of pleading you do

when someone you love

is slipping away.

They weren't asking Jesus to help a stranger.

They were pleading for Peter's family.

Then Jesus bent over her

and rebuked the fever.

That word-epetimesen, "He rebuked"-

is the same word used

when He rebuked the demon in the synagogue.

It's important to know that word is used only

when Jesus rebukes Satan

and his army of demons.

It is never used with His disciples

or with ordinary sickness.

In other cases where He healed,
He did so with a touch or a word.

From this we know the satanic attack in the synagogue
was followed by another one
in Peter and Andrew's home.
So this wasn't just sickness.
It was another attack
in the same war,
the same darkness pressing into families.

And when she rose, restored,
the story didn't end.
It spread throughout the town.
As the sun set
and Sabbath restrictions lifted,
the village gathered at the door-
the sick, the tormented-
and Jesus healed them all
and silenced the demons.

(Mark 1:32-34)

This isn't just a healing story.
It's a battle between darkness and light
And every place darkness appeared.
The Light drove it away with a word.

The point not to miss is this:
and you may not know this about Jesus-
He steps into places we live
and drives out all darkness.

What places in my home and family
need Jesus to drive out the darkness?

As I walk with Jesus,
the light of His presence
can drive all darkness from my home.

Father, prompt me to beg
for the presence of Jesus
to heal those I love.

I ask this in the name of
Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.