



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 68

Gospel [Mk 1:14-20](#)

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Spiritual Reflection: Cardinal Henry Newman wrote the following to help us understand what it means to be called by God: *"God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission; I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I have a part in a great work; I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling."*

Spiritual Question

1. How does knowing that you have a mission in life effect you?
2. How does it feel to be a part of link in God's plan?
3. Do you want to do God's work? Why or why not?
4. What holds you back from doing all you can for God?
5. How does keeping God's commandments lead to fulfillment?