



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 95

Reading I

Gospel Mk 4:35-41

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

Spiritual Reflection: It surprises me a little that the Apostles are so fearful because they have a man who just fed 5,000 people with a couple of loaves and fishes and has cast out demons in the boat with them. Maybe since many of them were fishermen that they thought this was an area of life where they were still in charge and thus need to realize the need to abandon any illusion of being in control of any part of their life so they could trust in God more.

Spiritual Questions:

1. Name an area of your life where you are an expert?
2. Do you let God into that area of your life as well?
3. How do you include God in your work relationships?
4. How do you include God in your relationships with non-Catholics?
5. What does giving God total control of your life look like to you?