

# Matthew 8:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

## Analysis

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Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law demonstrates His compassionate power extending to ordinary domestic situations. The detail that this was Peter's wife's mother confirms Peter was married, contradicting later celibacy requirements for clergy. Christ's touch brought immediate healing, and her immediate service demonstrates that genuine healing produces responsive gratitude and ministry. The sequence—Jesus sees, touches, fever leaves, she serves—models the gospel pattern of grace received producing service rendered.

## Historical Context

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Peter's house in Capernaum became Jesus' ministry headquarters. Archaeological excavations have identified what may be this house, later converted into a church. The mention of Peter's mother-in-law living with them reflects extended family arrangements common in ancient Jewish culture.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does Peter's married state teach about biblical qualifications for ministry leadership?
2. How does the healed woman's immediate service illustrate the proper response to Christ's healing grace?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἐλθὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν Πέτρου εἶδεν  
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τὴν πενθερὰν αὐτοῦ βεβλημένην καὶ πυρέσσουσαν·  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 9:5** (Parallel theme): Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

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