

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

February 7, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1–4, 6–7 † 1 Corinthians 9:16–19, 22–23 † Mark 1: 29–39



### Reflection by: Sister Honora Werner, OP

Jesus and Paul – two people impelled by a vocation to preach – to all!  
Jesus' healing ministry preached Good News to those with ailments and pain.

Then he used words!

Paul's itinerant ministry preached the Good News to people  
of all conditions, beliefs, and nationalities.

As Christians we receive the same call as they – through Baptism –  
to be as Pope Francis says, Missionary Disciples –  
preaching the Gospel of Joy to all.

We preach in ways that flow from our unique personalities  
and from our situation in life.

Preaching Good News to all creatures. That is the universal Christian vocation.

So we Dominicans are not the only preachers in the Church, in the world.

But we as members of the Order of Preachers  
receive a call within that universal call.

The Church charges us to be sure that the charism of preaching the Good News  
is never lost, and to preach where the Gospel has yet to be heard.

In fact we are promoters of the preaching, by our lives, by our works,  
and yes, even by our words.

Sometimes we have Job-like experiences of disappointment,  
sleepless nights, feelings bordering on despair.

Like Job and like Jesus and Paul, we find the strength to go on in prayer.  
Even when it seems God can't hear us, and our preaching falls on deaf ears, we pray,  
impelled by a vocation to bring Good News to those who thirst for it.

So, let's get on with the preaching!!