



Prison Break (Peter)

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Peter's Prison Break

¹About that time King Herod Agrippa began to persecute some believers in the church. ²He had the apostle James (John's brother) killed with a sword. ³When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish people, he also arrested Peter. (This took place during the Passover celebration.)

⁴Then he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover. ⁵But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him.

⁶The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate. ⁷Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, "Quick! Get up!" And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸Then the angel told him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." And he did. "Now put on your coat and follow me," the angel ordered. ⁹So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn't realize it was actually happening. ¹⁰They passed the first and second guard posts and came to the iron gate leading to the city, and this opened for them all by itself. So they passed through and started walking down the street, and then the angel suddenly left him. ¹¹Peter finally came to his senses. "It's really true!" he said. "The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jewish leaders had planned to do to me!" ¹²When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer. **Acts 12:1-12 NLT**

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1. Peter's _____

- _____
- The _____

2. Church's _____

- _____ prayer
- _____ prayer

¹⁶The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. ¹⁷Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! ¹⁸Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops. **James 5:16-18 NLT**

3. God's _____

- _____ visit
- _____ escape
- According to _____

Next Steps:

- ☐ I commit to pray daily to ask God to work in my life, trusting that God's will is done
- ☐ I pray for _____ today and ask that God would grant my request
- ☐ I need my faith increased so that I can believe in a miracle: _____
- ☐ Read Acts 12:1-19 this week (Peter's Prison Break)
- ☐ _____