



Peter Escapes Prison

Acts 12:5-19

1. Always take time to notice the “little words” in scripture?

- a. SO, BUT (vs 5)
- b. SLEEPING (vs 6)
- c. STRUCK (vs 7)

Application:

- a. When a “but” is _____, God’s got is covered.
- b. _____ can “sleep” while the enemy is attacking.
- c. My new goal and prayer, is for the necessity of a “strike”.

2. “The church was earnestly praying ...” (vs 5)

- a. There is _____ in the prayers of “The Church”
(Ashley, Andrew, Corporate Prayer)
- b. Earnestly:
 - i. Resulting from or showing sincere and intense

 - ii. To a greater extent or more intensely than _____
- c. Many people had _____ and were praying (vs 12)

Application:

- a. Never _____ to call on the church to pray.
- b. When asked, apply earnestness appropriately.
- c. _____ get your small groups involved with your needs.

3. John Mark (vs 12)

- a. Future **disappointment** to Paul on his first missionary journey (Acts 15:37-38)
- b. Future _____ and close friend of Paul (2 Timothy 4:11)
- c. Future _____ in ministry with Peter, and author of the Gospel of Mark.

- Application:**
- a. "Future you" does _____ have to look life "past you".
 - b. Philippians 1:6 "... he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

4. "But the word of God continued to spread and flourish" (vs 24)

- a. Not despite of James death, but **because of**
- b. Not despite Peter's arrest and escape, but **because of**
- c. Not despite Herod's persecution, but **because of**
- d. Not despite Herod's strange death, but **because of**

- Application:**
- a. _____ is "bad news" in the hand of God.

Romans 8:28-30 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

- b. We need to _____ thinking that God will honor us for our love and devotion by giving us easy living, blessings beyond compare, and removing trials/tribulations.
- c. We need to _____ realizing that God is honoring us when HE deems us worthy to go through a trial or tribulation, for the purpose of honoring God and accomplishing HIS will through us.