



SERMON NOTES

Acts 11

Quick! Get Up!

Acts 12

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Matthew 20:28 (MSG) That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for the many who are held hostage.”

Hostage: a person given or held against their will as security for the fulfillment of certain conditions or terms, promises, etc., by another.

Acts 12:1-11 (NLT) About that time King Herod Agrippa began to persecute some believers in the church. 2 He had the apostle James (John’s brother) killed with a sword. 3 When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish people, he also arrested Peter. (This took place during the Passover celebration.) 4 Then 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. 5 But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him. 6 The 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. 7 Suddenly, 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. 8 Then 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. 9 So 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. 10 They 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. 11 Peter 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!”

LESSONS IN DELIVERANCE

1. IT PLEASURES SATAN TO SEE YOU _____

2 Timothy 2:26 (NKJV) and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Exodus 2:25 (TLB) Looking down upon them, he knew that the time had come for their rescue.

2. IT PLEASURES THE FATHER TO _____ YOU

Galatians 5:1 (NIV) It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

“Whom the Son sets free is free indeed” (Jh. 8:36).

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom” (2 Cor. 3:17). Jesus came to “destroy the works of the Devil” (1 Jh. 3:8).

3. GOD’S DELIVERANCE COMES IN _____

Revelation 2:10 (NLT) Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

PETER’S FOUR DIVINE MOMENTS

1. M _____ the light shined in that prison cell.

2. M _____ Peter was struck.

3. M _____ “Quick! Get Up! Get Dressed! Get Going!”

4. M _____ the chains fell off.