

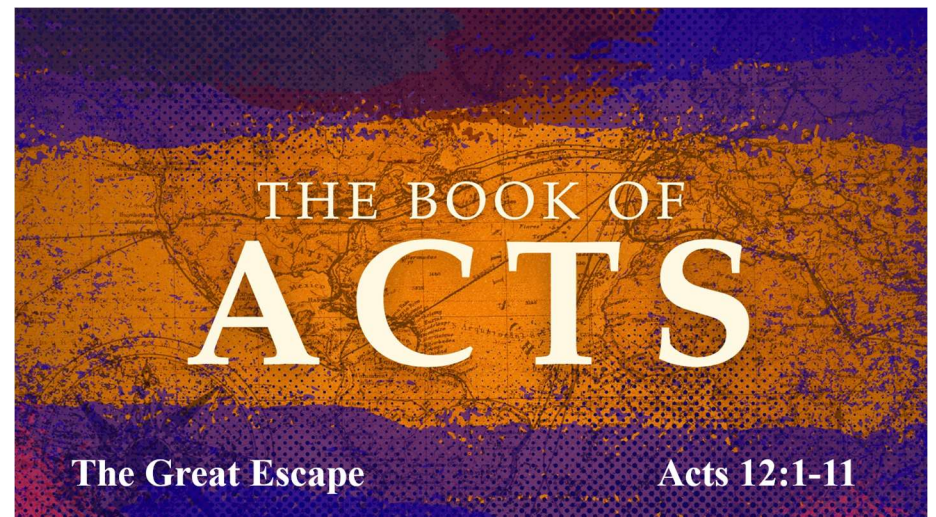
## Vs. 11 – Faith is Renewed

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1. What changed for Peter once he realized his escape was real and not a vision?
2. How does knowing that our lives are fully in God's hands renew our faith during trials?
3. How do passages like 1 Peter 1:6–9 help us keep an eternal perspective during suffering?
4. In what area of your life today does your faith need to be renewed? What steps can you take to put your trust fully in God?

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# Sermon Discussion Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups

Sunday, January 25, 2026

## First

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**Read Acts 12:1-11 – After seeing his friend and fellow Apostle James martyred for his faith, Peter found himself in prison facing the same fate. God had a different plan and rescued Peter from the trial he was facing. Just as God was with Peter in his trial, He is with us in the trials we face.**

### Vs. 1-4 – Persecution Comes

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1. When you hear the word *persecution*, what comes to mind in today's context?
2. Why do you think faithfulness to Jesus did not spare James, Peter, or the other apostles from suffering?
3. How does knowing that *every* apostle (except John) was eventually martyred shape your understanding of following Jesus?
4. In what ways might persecution look different—but still real—for Christians today?
5. How does 2 Timothy 3:12 challenge the expectation that the Christian life should be easy or comfortable?

### Vs. 5 – Prayer is Critical

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1. What does the phrase “earnest prayer” tell us about how the church prayed for Peter?
2. Why do you think the believers continued praying even after James had already been killed?
3. How does this passage shape the way we pray when outcomes are uncertain?
4. Why is prayer often our *last* response instead of our *first* response?
5. How have you personally experienced peace from God even when prayer didn't change the situation?

### Vs. 6-10 – Deliverance is Provided

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1. What details in Peter's imprisonment highlight how impossible escape would have seemed?
2. Why do you think Peter was able to sleep peacefully on the night before his trial?
3. How does the idea that God sometimes rescues us *from* trials and sometimes *through* trials affect how we trust Him?
4. Can you share a time when God delivered you *from* a difficult situation? What about a time He carried you *through* one?

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