

# WELLSPRING

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## WORSHIP CENTER

### Acts Chapter 12 – Prayer 08/17/2025 Questions

1. According to Acts 12:5, what kind of prayer is being offered up for Peter while he is in prison?
2. In Acts 12:2 King Herod put James to death and now Peter was scheduled to be executed. What does this teach us about persevering in prayer even when earlier prayers seem unanswered?
3. Acts 12:4-6 tells us that Peter was behind a locked prison, guarded by 16 soldiers and bound with two chains. How do all these tactics to keep Peter captive compare to God's delivering power?
4. Why do you think the angel needed to instruct Peter step by step (get up quickly, put on clothes, sandals, cloak)? What does this tell us about God's deliverance being both supernatural and practical?
5. Why do you think Peter needed the angel's encouragement to keep moving?
6. Which of these nine insights about prayer resonated most with you?
  - a. Prayer manifests the presence of God
  - b. Prayer brings awakening and illumination
  - c. Prayer provides direction
  - d. Prayer brings clarity
  - e. Prayer activates deliverance
  - f. Prayer prepares us for what is to come
  - g. Prayer provides a covering for us
  - h. Prayer makes our path straight
  - i. Prayer opens gates for us

Can you think of examples in your own life where prayer led to one of these nine insights happening for you? (i.e. The prison doors opened for Peter — what's a "door of opportunity" that opened unexpectedly for you?)

7. Discuss this statement, "An active prayer life prepares us to show up every day. Physically, after a few days of going without water and food, our body begins to shut down. It is the same way in the Spirit. A life without prayer is no match for what life throws at us."
8. Have you ever prayed fervently and persistently? How can we grow in prayer like the early church?