

WEEK 4: PETER ESCAPES FROM PRISON

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Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Acts 12:7

Acts 12:6-17

Have you ever been in a **situation** where you felt stuck? Like there was no way out of the mess you were in? It is hard to imagine a **situation** in which you would feel more stuck than being in prison. Constant supervision, limited time outside, long **sentences** and no freedom to make your own choices. Sounds pretty bad, **right**? The apostle Peter spent a lot of time in prison for sharing the gospel and though he might have felt stuck, he **knew** that God would **continue** to use him for His glory.

Peter was **chained** down in his prison cell, supervised by two guards and **awaiting** trial the next day when he suddenly saw a bright light. An angel of the Lord appeared to Peter and told him to "get up." All of a sudden, the chains fell off and Peter escaped! He was confused and **disoriented** and he did not quite understand what was happening until he had left the **prison** cell and walked down the street. Peter really was free.

When he realized what had **happened**, Peter went on to tell others about what God had done. Peter continued his ministry of sharing the **gospel** exactly as God knew he would. When God has a plan for our lives, **nothing** can get in the way. Even when you feel stuck or felt like a **terrible** situation cannot get any better, remember Peter's story. Like Peter, the Holy Spirit will **help** us live out His plan for our lives. We are never **truly** stuck because we have strength given to us by the Holy Spirit as believers. He **comforts** us during hard times, guides us as we **journey** through life and ultimately helps us make right **decisions** that keep us on the path toward fulfilling God's purpose for us!

Questions to think about:

1. Describe a time you felt stuck.

2. How did the Holy Spirit help guide or support you during that time?
3. What is something you feel God is calling you to do with your life?
4. How can the Holy Spirit help you fulfill that calling?