

Acts of the Apostles: *Peter's Prison Break*

Week of June 8, 2025
Acts 12:1-19

Sermon Notes:

Read Acts 12:1-4

How did the execution of James impact the morale and faith of the early church?

Read Acts 12:5-6

What does Peter's sleep reveal about his faith in God?

What role does Peter play in his escape? What role does the church play? What role does the Lord play?

Read Acts 12:7-17

How does the reaction of the praying church reveal our human struggle to believe in God's ability to answer prayers?

What lessons can we learn from their response?

For Further Consideration and Application:

How does the practice of fervent prayer help combat fear and despair within a faith community?

How can we reconcile the outcomes of deliverance and martyrdom in the context of God's plan?

Prayer Prompt:

Thank God for His sovereignty and the power of prayer. Thank Him for the support and encouragement found in the church. Pray for those facing persecution today, both locally and globally. Ask for God's protection, strength, and guidance for believers in challenging circumstances. Pray also for a spirit of fervent prayer within your community, that you might support one another in times of trial.