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(vv.6-9)

**Acts 12:6** Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. **7** And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. **8** And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." **9** And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. **10** When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him.

**2. Be** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.10-11)

**11** When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting." **12** When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. **13** And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer.

**3. Be** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.12-19)

**14** Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. **15** They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" **16** But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. **17** But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place. **18** Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. **19** And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there. (ESV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 127:1-2**. What comfort does this passage bring to your life? How would you respond to someone who quotes these verses as a reason to be lax, lazy, and uncaring about his daily work and spiritual disciplines?
2. Read **Matthew 6:25-34**. What aspects of these oft-quoted words of Jesus are most convicting to you and why? What parts of this comforting passage are actually a corrective and an admonition to your life?
3. Read **Daniel 3:14-18**. What kinds of problems arise in our Christian lives when we think that there is only one way God could rightly answer our prayers?
4. Read **Romans 11:36**. How can this powerful little verse readjust your perspective on prayers that are delayed or not answered in the way you would have wanted?
5. Read **Proverbs 3:5-6** and **1 Peter 5:6-7**. Give an example of the kind of words one might pray to accomplish what is being commanded in these passages.

*This Week's  
Bible Reading Schedule*

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk. 7-9 & Heb. 10:24-39*

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk. 10-12 & Heb. 11:1-19*

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk. 13-15 & Heb. 11:20-40*

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk. 16 & Heb. 12*

**November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk. 17-19 & Heb. 13*

**November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk. 20-21 & Jms. 1*

**November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk. 22-23 & Jms. 2*

**November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
*Ezk. 24-26 & Jms. 3*

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Msg. 07-18 – **Trusting God When Hope Seems Lost**  
Msg. 08-16 – **Why It's All Worth It**  
Msg. 19-11 – **Faith-Filled Praying**  
Msg. 15-18 – **The Prayer of a Righteous Person**  
Msg. 07-21 – **Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**  
Msg. 15-15 – 15-20 – **Christ's School of Prayer** (a six-part series on prayer)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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