



Today's Topic:

A New Challenge

Acts 12:1-5

February 23, 2025

1. _____ Efforts

"It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them." Acts 12:1 (NIV, 2011)

2. _____ Efforts

"So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him." Acts 12:5 (NIV, 2011)

3. _____ Efforts

"The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. 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 12:6-7 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Acts 12:1-4. What motivated Herod to take the steps he took?
2. What motivated the religious leaders described in these verses?
3. Read Acts 12:5. What value does prayer provide in these types of challenging circumstances?
4. Read Acts 12:6-7. Why do you think God responded the way He did to the prayers of His people in this situation?
5. What action can you take based upon your meditation on these verses?