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Acts 12:6-7 NIV

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7 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 12:8-11 NIV

8 Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,” the angel told him.

9 Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision.

10 They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

11 Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.”



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually,
18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



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Acts 4:1-4 NIV

1 The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. 2 They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. 3 They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. 4 But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.



I. Identify A Problem

Acts 5:17-21 NIV

17 Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. 18 They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. 20 “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

21 At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles.



I. Identify A Problem

Acts 5:29 NIV

Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!”

Previous Scripture: Acts 5:17-21;

Acts 4:1-4; Acts 12:1-4



II. Give Problem To the Lord Acts 12:5 NIV



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II. Give Problem
To the Lord
Matthew 18:20 NIV

For where two or three gather in my name,
there am I with them.



II. Give Problem To the Lord Luke 11:1 NIV



One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”



II. Give Problem To the Lord Mark 5:39-41 NIV

39 He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” 40 But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41 He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”).



II. Give Problem To the Lord

James 4:2-3 NIV

2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Previous Scripture: Mark 5:39-41;

Luke 11:1; Matthew 18:20



III. Allow the Lord To Answer Acts 12:6-7 NIV



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III. Allow the Lord
To Answer
Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Previous Scripture: Acts 12:6-11;

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III. Allow the Lord
To Answer
Matthew 10:28 NIV

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.