



Word of God
Fellowship

THINGS MOVE

When The Church Prays



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ACTS 12:5-17 (NKJV)

- 5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but [b]constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.
- 6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were [c]keeping the prison.
- 7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands.
- 8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me."
- 9 So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.
- 10 When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.
- 11 And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."
- 12 So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying.
- 13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer.
- 14 When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate.
- 15 But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was So they said, "It is his angel."
- 16 Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door and [d]saw him, they were astonished.
- 17 But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, he declared them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he [e]said and [f]he [g]went to another place.

I



PRAYER WORKS WHERE POWER CANNOT.

When the church prays, heaven responds.
Our prayers release God's power in places we can't reach.

- **Reflection:** Prayer is not always about changing our situation, but about activating God's intervention.
- **Ask Yourself:**
 - Am I committed to praying even when I can't see anything changing?
 - Who can I be praying for consistently right now?

II



GOD CAN MOVE WHILE YOU SLEEP.

While you rest, God is working.
He is never limited by time, space, or our awareness.

- **Reflection:** God's timing and activity are not dependent on our schedule.
- **Ask Yourself:**
 - Do I trust God enough to let Him work while I rest?
 - Am I worried because I can't see what God is doing?

III



EVERY MIRACLE REQUIRES MOVEMENT.

Peter had to rise, dress, and follow.
Obedience will always precede your breakthrough.

- **Reflection:** God's miracle will not bypass your participation.
- **Ask Yourself:**
 - What is God asking me to do next?
 - Am I willing to move when He tells me to?

IV



GOD OPENS DOORS NO MAN CAN SHUT.

The gates that stood firm opened on their own.
No lock, no plan, and no power can stop what God has ordained.

- **Reflection:** When God opens the door, it's supernatural and undeniable.
- **Ask Yourself:**
 - Do I believe God can open doors that look impossible?
 - Am I standing in faith for open doors?

V



DON'T MISS YOUR OWN MIRACLE.

Rhoda saw it but didn't believe it.
Don't be so quick to dismiss what God is doing.

- **Reflection:** Expectation keeps you from doubt and helps you recognize God when He shows up.
- **Ask Yourself:**
 - Am I expecting God to move in my situation?
 - Could I be overlooking a miracle already at my door?

Notes



WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Commit to praying consistently for someone this week.
Believe God to move in their situation, and stay expectant for the miracle.



PRAYER FOCUS

Lord, thank You that things move when the church prays.
Strengthen my faith, increase my expectation, and help me obey Your leading. Open doors that no man can shut and let me see Your miracles.
In Jesus' name, Amen.



TAKEAWAY

Keep praying. Keep believing. Keep moving. God is working behind the scenes, and what seems impossible today will become your testimony tomorrow.

TO EDUCATE, EMPOWER, AND EVANGELIZE EVERYONE