

What It Takes to Get out of Prison
Acts 12: 6-17

God allows a believer to get into difficulty, so God may get him out.

v.6 1. Power greater than the prison keepers.

And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

v.7 2. Light that is greater than darkness.

And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

v.8 3. God breaking the hold that binds.

And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

v.8 4. Blind and full obedience to God's instruction.

v.8 5. Precise following of Jesus.

v.9 6. Willingness for understanding to follow later.

And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

v.10 7. Awareness of God's authority working.

When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

v.10 8. Walking by faith when God's presence is in the background.
(and forthwith the angel departed from him.)

v.11 9. Learning more about God when awareness and understanding picks up.

And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

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10. Sharing the lessons of faith learned.

And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda.

But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another