

*Message: Peter in Prison and the Praying Believers | Chase Trimmier | June 28, 2020*

### ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

This week we talked about the power of prayer in the story of Acts 12:1-17. In this story, we see God working a miracle in Paul's life while a group of believers prayed fervently for him. To do something fervently means to do it with perseverance and intensity. Take some time to re-read the story in Acts together, then answer these questions:

1. The whole time this miracle was happening, Peter thought he was just seeing things. It wasn't until after the angel had left that he knew God had done something. Have you ever had a similar experience? Talk about a time that you didn't see God's movement in your life until afterwards.
  2. Has there ever been a time in your life when you prayed fervently about something? What sort of feelings came up in the act of praying fervently?
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### ***Bold Prayers***

1 John 5:13-15 "Since we have this confidence, we can also have great boldness before him, for if we present any request agreeable to his will, he will hear us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we also know that we have obtained the requests we ask of him."

God hears us. God heals us. God transforms us. God is still answering prayers, even when His answers don't look the way we think they will. And even when God doesn't answer our prayers, He is still faithful and good (Psalm 22:1-5).

3. When was a time that you saw God answer a big prayer? Did it look the way you thought it would look? How so?
  4. When was a time that you didn't see God answer your prayers? Did that time affect the way you thought about God afterwards?
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### ***Be a Rhoda***

At the end of the story in Acts 12, we meet a servant named Rhoda who brings hope to the people praying by insisting that God had moved in their lives and showing them the proof of their answered prayers. We all have an opportunity to do the same as Rhoda and bring hope to those around us.

5. In 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, we see that sometimes God will answer prayers by sending a person. Can you name a time when God used a person to answer your prayer? Has God ever used you to answer someone else's prayer?
  6. What's one way you can bring hope to people around you this week?
  7. What is something you are currently struggling to pray for? How can we pray alongside you?
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