



“Stretched Out in Prayer”

Acts 12:1-19

November 10, 2024

SERMON REVIEW

Four realities that keep us in prayer...

1. Horrible times _____ (Acts 12:1-5).
2. Supernatural power _____ (Acts 12:6-11).
3. God answers _____ (Acts 12:12-17).
4. Harsh authorities _____ (Acts 12:18-19).

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The church was facing a desperate time with the killing of James and the impending execution of Peter. What desperate times have you faced? Have you ever faced a situation so desperate that you knew God's intervention was your one and only hope? How about our church? Our nation?
2. The church responded with fervent prayer. What do you learn about the need to stretch yourself and struggle in prayer from Colossians 4:2-6 & 12-13?
3. What is your impression of Peter's sleep in Acts 12:6-7? Was it the sleep of trusting peace (Luke 8:22-25)? Was it the sleep of sorrow (Luke 22:45-46)? What can you take away from it either way?
4. Reflect on Acts 12:10. How did the prison gate open? How do you respond to the Bible's record of such moments? Do you struggle with belief in the supernatural? Have you ever seen a supernatural occurrence such as this?
5. We poke fun at the account of Rhoda in Acts 12:12-17, but she was the most perceptive person in the room. Why do you think such a fervent community would be so dismissive of her report? Could it have had something to do with her social status? What factors make you less prone to believe one person or another?