

► Outline

... *"The Lord has sent His angel and saved me..."* **Acts 12:11b (NLT)**

Overcoming impossibilities: **(Acts 12:1-25. C/R: Matthew 19:26)**

- 1. Rely on the _____ of prayer.**
(Acts 12:1-5. C/R: Philippians 4:6-7; James 5:16;
1 Peter 5:7; 1 John 5:14-15)

- 2. Remember God's _____ over circumstances.**
(Acts 12:6-19. C/R: Job 42:2; Isaiah 14:24; 46:10-11;
John 21:18)

- 3. Recognize God's _____ over people.**
(Acts 12:20-25. C/R: Proverbs 21:1; Isaiah 40:22-24;
Daniel 4:35; John 19:10-11)

Answers: 1. power 2. control 3. sovereignty

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

What would you most dislike about being in prison?

Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you experience His love and hear His voice as you reflect on this week's lesson.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Acts 12:1-19](#)

1. Which verse in this passage is most significant to you? Why?
2. Why would it please the Jews for James to be put to death?
3. What are your thoughts about Peter being rescued from physical death when James (the Apostle, brother of John) was not?
4. What motivated the church to pray earnestly for Peter?
5. If you were Peter, what would you have done when the angel appeared and told you to get up?
6. How would you react if you were part of the prayer group when someone said, *Peter is standing at the door*?
7. Why would Peter want James (half-brother of Jesus and leader in the Jerusalem church) to know about his rescue?
8. What effect did Peter's escape have on the prayer group? The soldiers? Herod?

9. If you experienced answered prayer, what effect would, or did, it have on you?

10. What would you like the church to be praying for you?

Spiritual Practice

Spiritual Practices help us experience the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. They're meant to be more than one-time actions, becoming a natural part of our lives.

Practice these three **T's** based on [Philippians 4:6](#):

1. **Tell** God what you need.
2. **Thank** God for what He's done.
3. **Trust** God for what He'll do.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. [Philippians 4:6 \(NLT\)](#)

Memory Verse

Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible." [Matthew 19:26 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day 1: [Philippians 4:4-9](#)

Day 4: [Isaiah 40:18-29](#)

Day 2: [1 Peter 5:6-7](#)

Day 5: [Daniel 4:34-35](#)

Day 3: [1 John 5:13-15](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, December 6, we'll begin a series titled *Experiencing Christmas*. To prepare, read [Galatians 5:22](#); [John 3:16](#); [1 John 4:9-10](#).

