

Going Past the Possible

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It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. 2 He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. 3 When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. 4 After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

ACTS 12: 1-19

5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

6 The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. 7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

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8 Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. 9 Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. 10 They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

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11 Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

12 When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. 13 Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. 14 When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"

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15 "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."

16 But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. 17 Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

ACTS 12: 1-19

18 In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter.
19 After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.

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1. Hold On To Truth

The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is.

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

Truth is Constant

For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:8

Truth Holds Together

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place

EPHESIANS 6:14

Truth Sets Free

Then you will know the truth, and the
truth will set you free.

JOHN 8:32

You are Surrounded

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

PSALM 125:2

Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.

PSALM 5:12

With Favor like a Shield

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from
trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

PSALM 32:7

With Songs of Deliverance

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.

PSALM 32:7

With Unfailing Love

So, friends, take a firm stand, feet on the ground and head high. Keep a tight grip on what you were taught, whether in personal conversation or by our letter. May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence, put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your speech.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:15-17 (MSG)

2. Reposition Circumstances

Circumstances don't lie,
nor do they tell the Truth

Circumstances try to present
themselves as Truth:
This is yours, Your stuck with this, this
is permanent.

Circumstances : Existing (Changeable) Conditions.
They are the (Temporary) State of affairs

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

ROMANS 4:18-20

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3. Understand and See

**Understand you wont always
understand**

**But know at some point
you will see**

4. Share the Wealth

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