



NOTHING CAN STOP THE WORK OF GOD

Acts 12:1–25 | Pastor Mohan Zachariah

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Big Idea: When opposition rises, God's work does not stop. He calls His people to pray, trust, believe, fear Him, and multiply as His Word advances.

1. When the situation seems hopeless – Pray (Acts 12:1–5)

James is killed, Peter is imprisoned, and the situation looks impossible. Yet the church responds not with panic, but with earnest, stretched, persistent prayer. They bring their helplessness to the only One who has power over the outcome.

Application Questions

What was the church doing while Peter was in prison?

What would it look like to pray with greater intensity and consistency this week?

2. When time is running out – Trust (Acts 12:6–11)

Peter is hours away from execution, yet he is sleeping peacefully. His rest reveals deep trust in God's control over the outcome. Whether God delivers or not, Peter has already placed his life fully in God's hands.

Application Questions

What was Peter doing the night before his expected execution?

How does Peter's peace challenge your response to uncertainty or fear?

3. When the answer is at your door – Believe (Acts 12:12–19)

The church prays for Peter's release, but when the answer comes, they struggle to believe it. God answers even imperfect, faith-mixed prayers. Their reaction reveals how easy it is to pray without expecting God to act.

Application Questions

How did the people respond when they were told Peter was at the door?

How does this passage encourage you to trust God even with imperfect faith?

4. When you take God's glory – Fear (Acts 12:20–23)

Herod accepts praise that belongs to God alone and is immediately struck down. The warning is clear: God opposes pride and will not share His glory. Taking credit for what belongs to God is spiritually dangerous.



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Application Questions

What did Herod do when the people praised him as a god?

How can you cultivate a posture of humility and gratitude before God?

5. When the Word of God increases – Multiply (Acts 12:24–25)

Despite persecution, death, and opposition, the Word of God increases and multiplies. God's mission continues to advance through faithful people who join in His work.

Application Questions

What does the passage say happened to the Word of God?

How can you actively participate in the spread of God's Word in your current season?