

Living Water Part 25
Acts 12:1-25

The Title Of The Message: “When The Unexpected Happens”

The Key Word: Prayer

The Thought: When we pray we should pray with confidence knowing the Lord will answer in unexpected ways.

The Breakdown:

Verses 1-11 Unexpected Freedom...

Verses 12-19 Unexpected Answer...

Verses 20-25 Unexpected Judgment...

Verses 1-11 Unexpected Freedom...

Acts 12:1-3

Now about that time...

Herod the king...

Herod Agrippa the 1st-Grandson of Herod The Great, The Nephew of Herod Antipas,

Then he killed James the brother of John...

Psalms 116:15 (NKJV) Precious in the sight of the Lord Is the death of His saints.

Ecclesiastes 7:1 (NKJV) A good name is better than precious ointment, And the day of death than the day of one's birth;

Acts 12:4-6

So when he had arrested him...

Isaiah 29:13 (NKJV) Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men..."

Peter was therefore kept in prison...

Jude 20 (NKJV) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit...

Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV) praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

But constant prayer was offered...

Acts 12:7-8

Now behold, an angel of the Lord...

"The angel fetched Peter out of prison, but it was prayer that fetched the angel." -Thomas Watson

He struck Peter...

1 Thessalonians 5:24 (NKJV) He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

Acts 12:9-11

So he went out and followed him...

“Now I know for certain”

Colossians 3:24–25 (NKJV) 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

Verses 12-19 Unexpected Answer...

Acts 12:12-14

When he had considered this...

Acts 12:15-17

But they said to her...

Now Peter continued knocking...

Mark 9:24 when he cried out to the Lord and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

Acts 12:18-19

Then, as soon as it was day...

Verses 20-25 Unexpected Judgment...

Acts 12:20-23

Now Herod...

Isaiah 42:8 (NKJV) I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

1 Peter 3:12 (NKJV) For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Proverbs 11:8 (NKJV) The righteous is delivered from trouble, And it comes to the wicked instead.

Acts 12:24-25

But the word of God grew...

2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV) but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

Philippians 4:12–13 (NKJV) 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Barnabas and Saul returned...

Application:

1. When the enemy comes against us we should be confident that whether we live or die, the Lord is with us and for us.

2. Prayer of faith, is the most explosive and powerful weapon in the life of the believer and the church.

3. There is no need to take vengeance when we have a God who knows how to do that better than we do.

