



Statements around Pentecost

Pentecost: The Holy Spirit gives us the power to escape sin.

The 21st century Church needs the Holy Spirit to escape our sins. We also need to share the truth how he breaks every chain.

Reviews of the Sub-Plots

1. The spirit of encouragement. **Acts 9:31**
2. Overcoming Prejudices. **Acts 9:43-10:18**
3. Don't stand in God's way. **Acts 11:17**
4. The Fear of the Lord & persecution is throughout the entire book of Acts.

Acts 12:1-7

Are Events Controlling You?

1. **Herod Agrippa an evil** Edomite ruler over Israel, kills James with the sword.
2. **Herod likes the approval** this gets him, so he seizes Peter and puts him in prison at Passover. (Unleavened Bread)
3. **Death & Persecution** (A victim mentality) are the world's focus.
4. **Prayer & Passover** are the Church's focus.
5. **One focus** is prison, the other is on the one who sets us free.

Acts 12:6-7

The Story Within the Story

1. **Sinners** are asleep.
2. **Bound** to their chains.
3. **Guarded** by Satan's demonic guards.
4. **Doomed** to die. He can do nothing.
5. **So, God sends help** from heaven and breaks the chains and sets us free!

Acts 12:8-12

Rescued

1. **V:7** The “Get up” message from an angel.
2. **V:8** Dress yourself to go.
3. **V:10** See what doors or gates God opens and go through them.
4. **When you’ve escaped**, tell somebody you’ve been rescued!
5. **Especially** go tell the prayer meeting.

Acts 12:13-17

Testimonies Keep the Church Alive

1. **V:13-14** Some won’t believe it. Tell it anyway!
2. **V:15-16** Some will think it’s crazy. Tell it anyway.
3. **V:17** Encourage others to tell your story.

Acts 12:18-24

Evil Authorities

1. **Their day** of being admired by others is short-lived.
2. **V: 21-22** **When evil receives** praise that belongs to God, their judgement is sealed.
3. **V:22-23** But the Word of God continues to flourish.

Acts 12:25

When your mission is complete, return home and share your testimony there.

