

Beat Short Deadline

Since this website is advertised as showing what the Bible says regarding getting prayer answered faster, this study shows how regular people beat a hard, short deadline. We should emulate them.

The content here is taken from the "Stronger Faith" study. This study is built on all the other studies, especially the "Bible Miracles Explained," "What Jesus Means by Faith," and "G154 To Call For" basic studies. This study stands alone to give attention to the growth and progression of: (1) more faith action, (2) stronger faith action, and (3) more stronger faith actions.

One thing to note about the following example is that common (not "name") Christians carried the faith load to get the job done fast.

Christians do "more stronger faith" to save Peter

Acts 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

2. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

4. And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

9. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

10. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own

accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

11. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the LORD hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12. And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where **many were gathered together praying**.

This is a fascinating episode. Apparently, James and Peter each faced a hard, short deadline. God did not save James, but God sent an angel to save Peter. The Bible says God treats everyone the same. So, why the different outcome? The Bible does not say.

But, James did not have many praying for him. Once the Christians found out that Herod had killed James and then arrested Peter, presumably to do the same, many Christians prayed endlessly for Peter (Acts 12:5). They did 1 Thessalonians 5:17 and, probably, Mark 11:23. This is an example of "more faith."

Peter was asleep when the angel came. So, it must have been late. Acts 12:12 says that many Christians were still praying for Peter this late into the night. So, these Christians were definitely doing "more faith" because many were praying for a long duration.

More stronger faith to beat a short deadline

One unique factor in this episode is that these Christians were praying to beat a hard, short deadline. I think these Christians, who were still praying when Peter showed up, were doing "stronger faith" because they knew they could beat a short, hard deadline. People who did not have confidence in beating short deadlines would have contributed and then gone to bed. After all, they all have to work the next morning. This is a great example of how to get a miracle fast: pouring in a large amount of faith. They all did 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Lastly, Peter was asleep. Peter was saved by the intercessors' "more stronger faith." The intercessors were common Christians like us.

It is also interesting that the angel came late to save Peter. Even with many Christians doing faith to save Peter, the angel still arrived late. It could be that this angel was delayed by a devil like Daniel's angel was delayed (Daniel 10:13). Or, it could be that this job just required a large amount of faith. Either way, the smart way to "destroy" the devil's work (John 14:12/1 John 3:8/John 10:10) is to pour in faith "without ceasing" like these Christians did.

This episode demonstrates God protecting us and supplying our needs. This episode demonstrates Jesus saying, "my grace is sufficient for you." [See the "The Big Picture" study.] This episode also demonstrates ". . . according to your faith be it unto you," Matthew 9:29 and ". . . my God shall supply all your need . . .," Philippians 4:19.

If you need a miracle and face a deadline, you should do a large amount of faith early and continue to do so, like these intercessors did. Faith adds up.

If you should be falsely charged like the “January 6 protestors” were, you and your circle of powerful intercessors should follow this example.

Persistently invest in your faith and fight the good fight of faith so that you can do John 14:12. [See the “Fight the Good Fight of Faith” and “The Big Picture” studies.]

This is an exemplary example that we should emulate.

Disclaimer:

This is not a tutorial. Only the key Bible verses are listed. You may need to look up the context, the surrounding verses, to get the full message/meaning. The verses here are in the King James translation. Here is a popular Internet Bible with many translations and languages: www.biblegateway.com. You may find translations such as NIV and AMP easier to understand. The Bible verses are in Courier New 11 font, and the clarifications that I inserted into a Bible verse are inside parentheses in italics. If you want more precise translation, go to www.blueletterbible.org, choose the King James Version (KJV), input the book and chapter, and turn on the Strong word option. The returned web page will show Bible verses as well as each word’s Strong number, its meaning, and cross references.

Also, using the name of Jesus to receive healing does not mean refusing medical care. You should receive medical care because God wants you healthy. But you should also use Jesus’ name to pray the prayer of faith to receive healing from God.

Lastly, these Bible studies do not address other Bible issues. Other issues are well addressed by other Christian sources. These studies only focus on how to receive miracles faster.
