

# THE POWER OF CORPORATE PRAYER

Acts 12:1-19

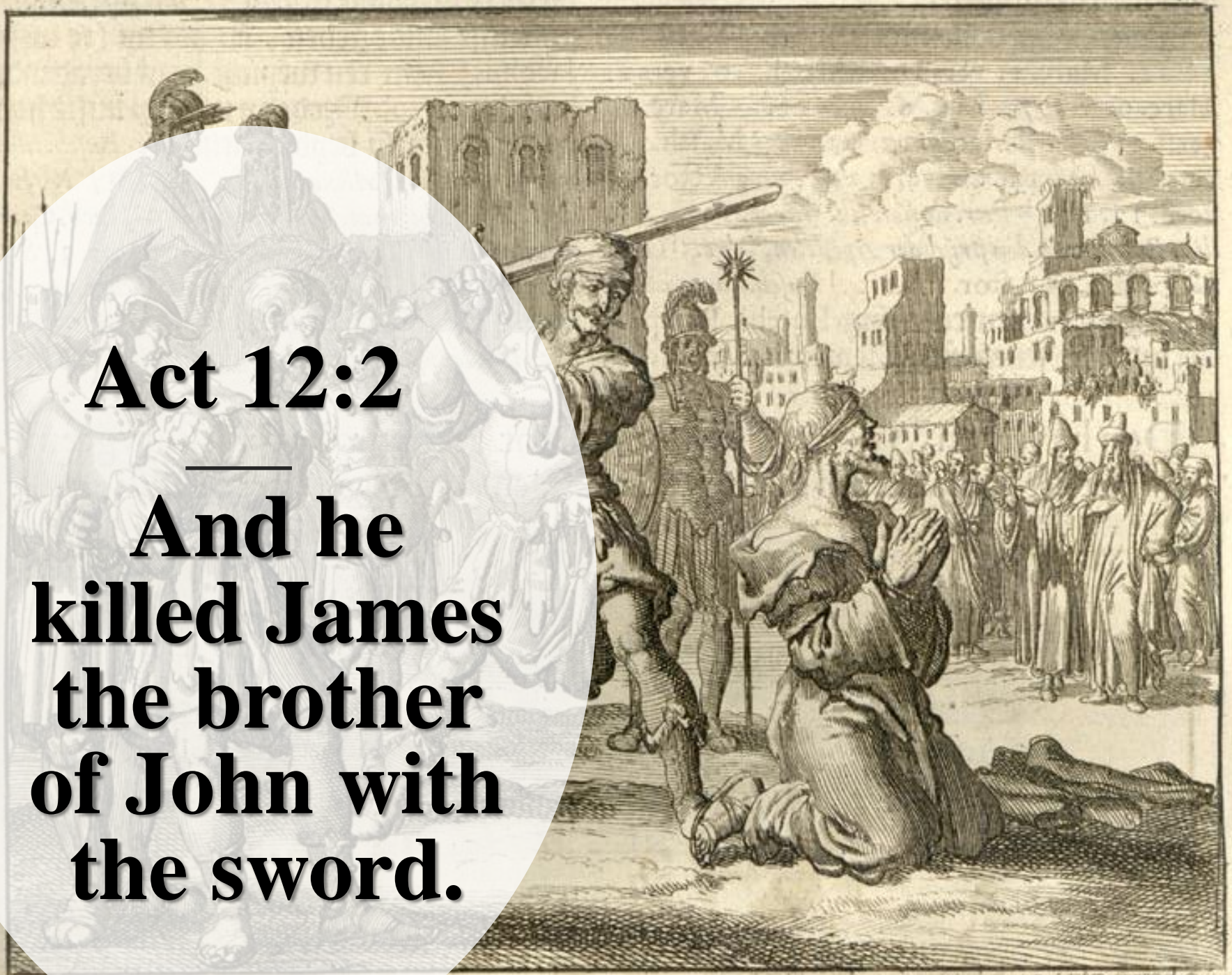
# Act 12:1

**Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the church.**



**Act 12:2**

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





**Act 12:3**

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

**Act 12:4** And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Passover to bring him forth to the people.

**4 Quaternions = 16  
4 watches of 4**



**Act 12:5 Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.**

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## **Act 12:6**

**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.**



## Act 12:7

**And behold! An angel of *the* Lord stood by, and a light shone in the building. And striking Peter's side, he raised him up, saying, Rise up quickly! And his chains fell off his hands.**





## Act 12:8

**And the angel said to him, Gird yourself and put on your sandals. And he did so. And he says to him, Throw your robe around you and follow me.**



## Act 12:9

**And he went out and followed him. And he did not know that this happening through the angel was true, but thought he saw a vision.**



## **Act 12:10**

**When they were past the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord. And they went out and passed on through one street. And immediately the angel departed from him.**

Act 12:11

And having come to himself, Peter said, Now I know surely that *the* Lord has sent His angel and has delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and *from* all the expectation of the people of the Jews.



**Act 12:12** *And thinking about it, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose last name was Mark; where many had gathered together to pray.*

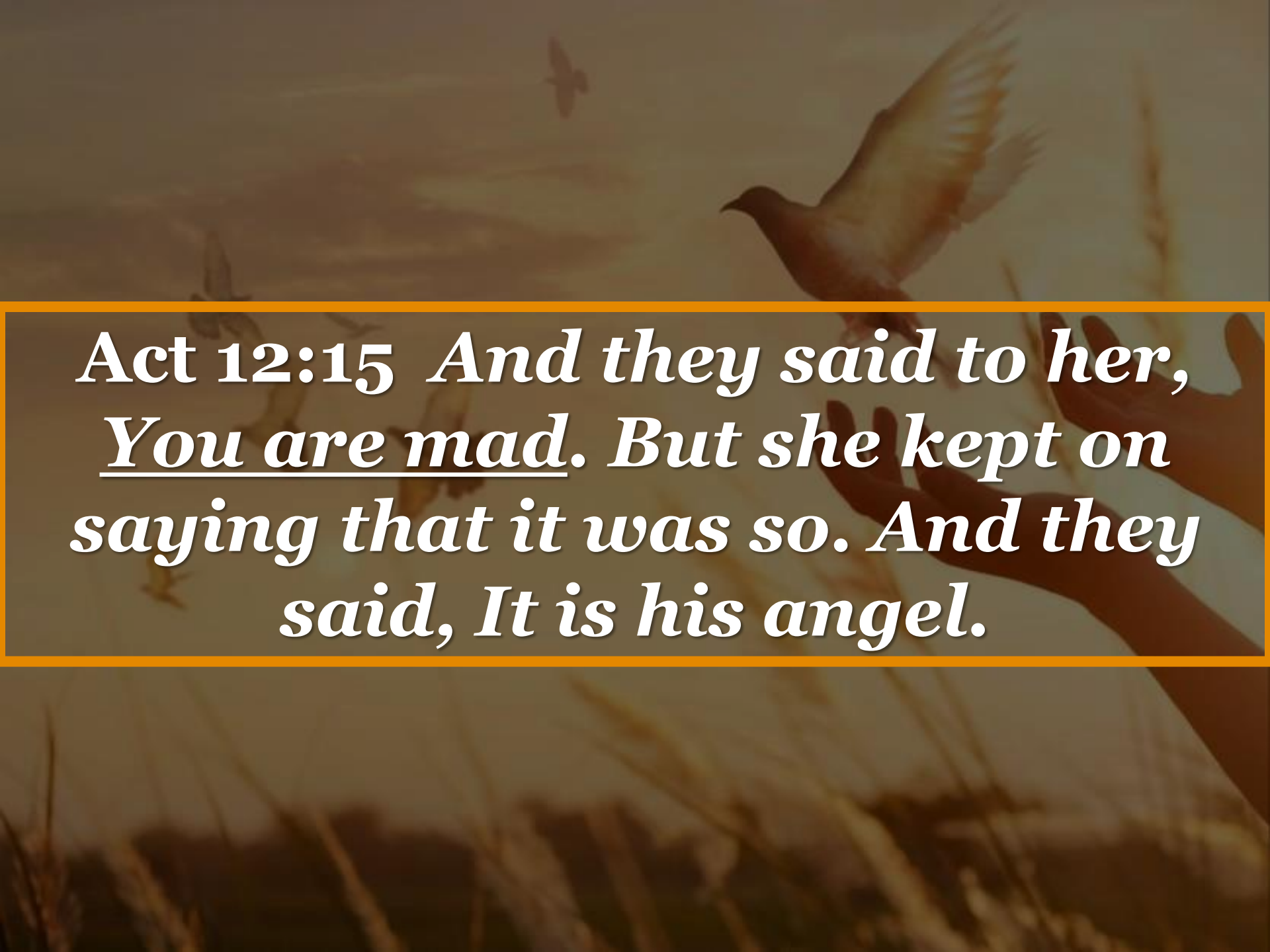
**Act 12:13** *And as Peter knocked at the door of the porch, a girl named Rhoda came to listen.*



## Act 12:14



*And when she knew Peter's voice, she did not open the porch because of gladness, but running in she reported Peter was standing before the porch.*

A dove is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, flying over a pair of hands that are holding several stalks of wheat. The background is a soft, golden-brown color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange rectangular box containing white text.

***Act 12:15 And they said to her,  
You are mad. But she kept on  
saying that it was so. And they  
said, It is his angel.***

**Act 12:16** But Peter continued knocking, and when they had opened and saw him, they were amazed.

**Act 12:17** But, waving to them with his hand to be quiet, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go tell these things to James and to the brothers. And he departed and went into another place.





A person's hands are clasped in prayer, with a glowing light source in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

**SEVEN THINGS  
THAT HAPPENED  
BECAUSE OF  
CORPORATE  
PRAYER**



**1. Prayer**  
**Saved Life**

**Their Prayers  
were pointed**





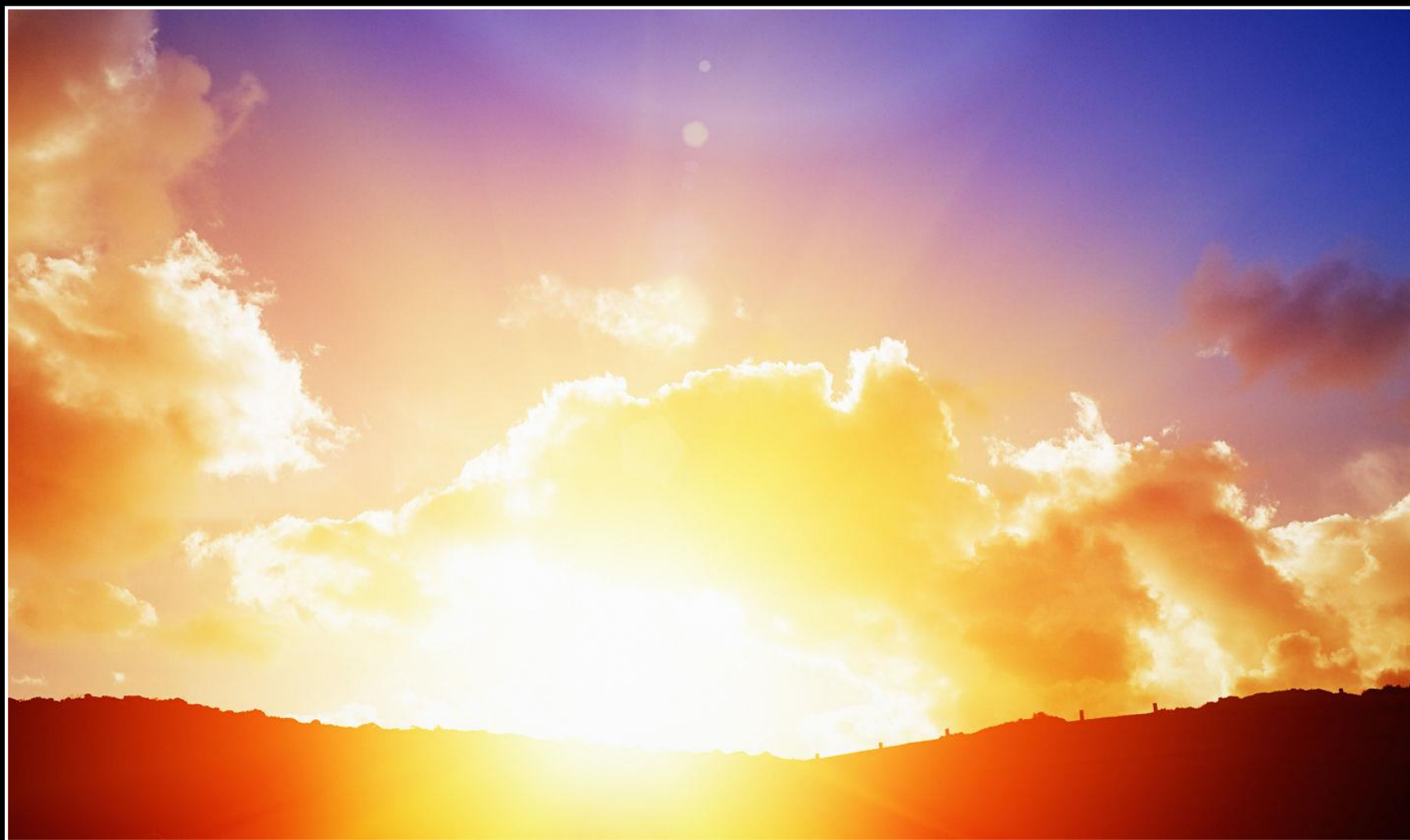
**Their Prayers Were Persistent**



**Their Prayers Were Partnered**

# Their Prayers Were Passionate





*Their Prayers Prevailed*

# 2. *Prayer Delivered*

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**2Ti 4:17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, that through me the preaching might be fulfilled, and *that* all the nations might hear. And I was delivered out of *the* mouth of *the* lion.**



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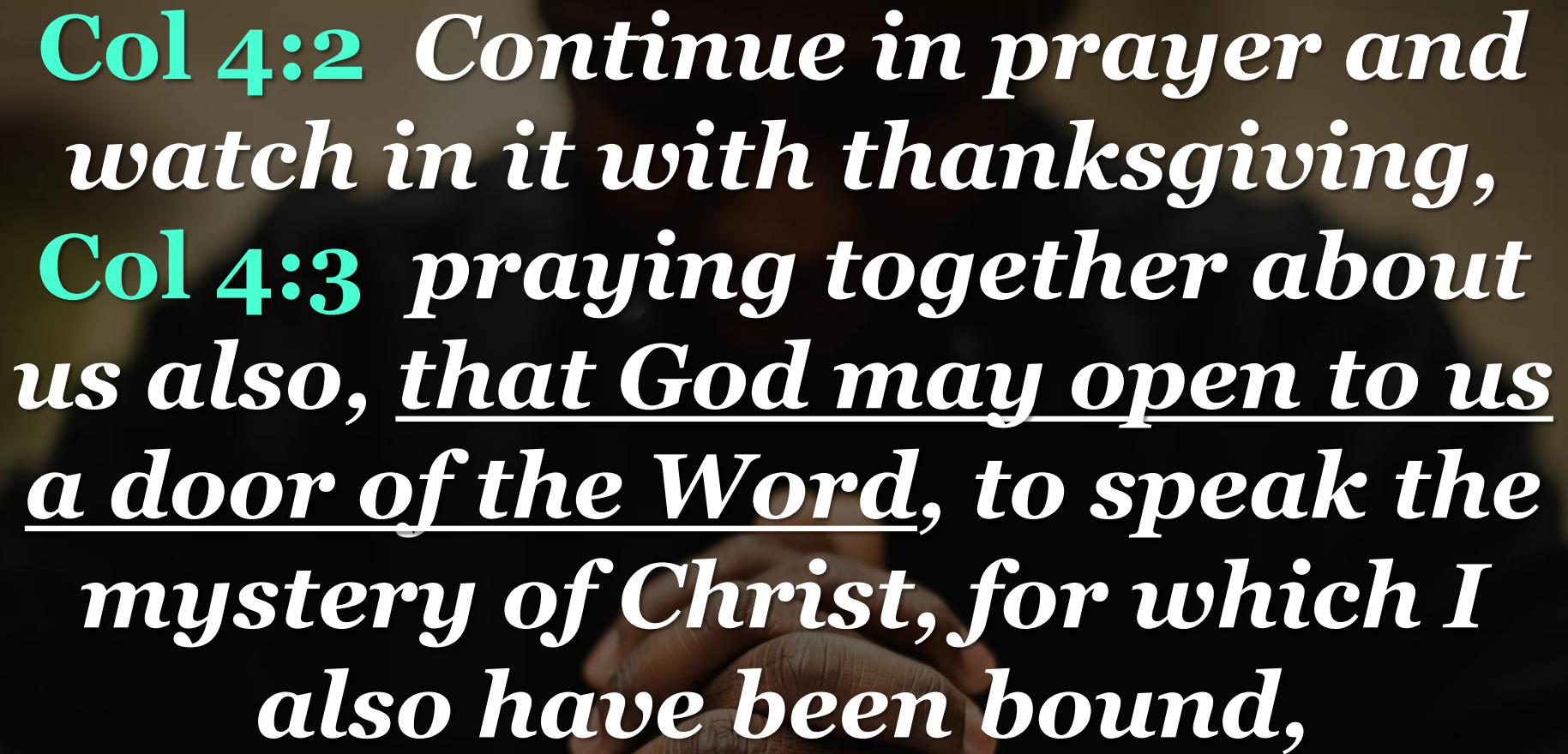
# 3. Prayer Defeated The Enemy's Plans

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# 4. Prayer Caused Doors To Open



A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open book. The hands are dark-skinned and are positioned in the center of the frame. The book is open, showing two pages with some text, though it is out of focus. The background is dark and blurred, suggesting an indoor setting. The overall mood is one of devotion and prayer.

**Col 4:2** *Continue in prayer and watch in it with thanksgiving,*  
**Col 4:3** *praying together about us also, that God may open to us a door of the Word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I also have been bound,*



# 5. Prayer Sent Angelic Help





## Dan 10:13

**But the ruler of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. But lo, Michael, one of the chief rulers, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.**



**6. Prayer Was The  
Catalyst  
For The Power Of  
God**

**Jer 33:3 Call  
unto me, and I  
will answer  
you, and show  
you great and  
mighty things,  
which you do  
not know.**

HOLY  
BIBLE





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7. Prayer  
Kept Them  
Astonished

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