

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

*The Time of the Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Church*

# WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH...

The church in Acts experienced the presence and power of God. As a result, they grew in strength and maturity. But God never promised that the church would be trouble free. He promised that the church would be victorious!

Today, let's what happened when the church faced adversity.



# ALL IS WELL

## Acts 5:14-16

<sup>14</sup> Many men and women started having faith in the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Then sick people were brought out to the road and placed on cots and mats. It was hoped that Peter would walk by, and his shadow would fall on them and heal them. <sup>16</sup> A lot of people living in the towns near Jerusalem brought those who were sick or troubled by evil spirits, and they were all healed.





**WHEN YOU WALK  
WITH GOD,  
EXPECT MIRACLES!**



# GREATER THINGS

## John 14:12

<sup>12</sup> I tell you for certain that **if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things**, now that I am going back to the Father.



# PERSECUTION INTENSIFIES

## Acts 5:17-18

<sup>17</sup> The high priest and all the other Sadducees who were with him became jealous.

<sup>18</sup> They arrested the apostles and put them in the city jail.

The faith of the apostles and of the church was being put to the test!





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EXPECT OPPOSITION!**



# TEMPORARY TRIBULATION

## John 16:33

<sup>33</sup> I have told you this, so that you might have peace in your hearts because of me. While you are in the world, you will have to suffer. But **cheer up! I have defeated the world.**



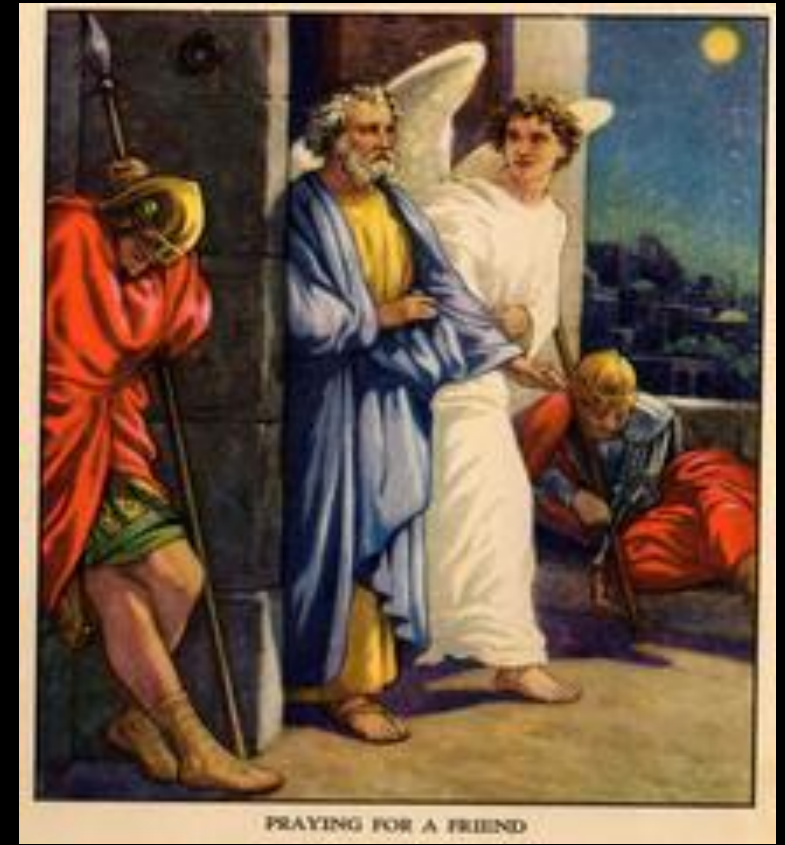


# GOD STEPS IN

## Acts 5:19

**19** But **that night** an angel from **the Lord** opened the doors of the jail and led the apostles out. The angel said, **20** “**Go to the temple and tell the people everything about this new life.**” **21** So they went into the temple before sunrise and started teaching.

God came “that night” and delivered the apostles!





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EXPECT DELIVERANCE!**

# MIGHTY FORTRESS

## Psalm 46:1

God is our mighty  
fortress, always  
ready to help in  
times of trouble.





# THE CONFRONTATION

## Acts 5:27-29

<sup>27</sup> When the apostles were brought before the council, the high priest said to them, <sup>28</sup> “We told you plainly not to teach in the name of Jesus. But look what you have done! You have been teaching all over Jerusalem, and you are trying to blame us for his death.”

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the apostles replied: **We don't obey people. We obey God.**





# REMEMBER...

**When you walk with God,  
expect miracles!**

**When you walk with God,  
expect opposition!**

**When you walk with God,  
expect deliverance!**

