

# “BIBLE REVIVAL”

## Acts 12:1-17

There were two basic ingredients that resulted in Peter’s release from prison. These same two ingredients are also necessary for lost persons to be released from their “spiritual prison.” Implementing these two ingredients along with the clear proclamation of the gospel can result in Bible Revival in the church.

- I. God’s PEOPLE IN PRAYER (v. 5 “So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.”)
  - A. They prayed SPECIFICALLY (“for him”)
  - B. They prayed CONTINUALLY (“was being made” -imperfect tense)
  - C. They prayed FERVENTLY (“fervently”)
  - D. They prayed CORPORATELY (“by the church”)
  - E. They prayed GODWARDLY (“to God”)
- II. God’s POWER IN PLACE (vv. 7-10)
  - A. This is a SUPERNATURAL POWER (v. 7 “An angel of the Lord appeared...”)
    1. It happened SUDDENLY (“suddenly”)
    2. It happened GLORIOUSLY (“a light shone in the cell”)
    3. It happened SHOCKINGLY (“he struck Peter’s side and woke him up...”)
  - B. This is an INVESTED POWER (v. 8) - requires personal response:
    1. “gird yourself...” (cf. Eph. 6:14)
    2. “put on your sandals...” (cf. Eph 6:15)
    3. “wrap your cloak around you” (cf. I Peter 5:5)
    4. “follow me” (cf. Luke 9:23)
  - C. This is a DEMONSTRATED POWER
    1. A power against HUMAN BEINGS (i.e. “guards”)
    2. A power against NATURAL FORCES (i.e. “chains” and “gates”)

When the church exercises fervent prayer, experiences divine power and extends a gospel presentation (preaching), she can know Bible Revival.