To the best of your ability, explain what it means when something is "in the cloud."

Treasure! #2



Bible Reading: Acts 12:1-17 NCV

Sermon:

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- ¹ During that same time King Herod began to mistreat some who belonged to the church.
- ² He ordered James, the brother of John, to be killed by the sword.

³ Herod saw that some of the people liked this, so he decided to arrest Peter, too. (This happened during the time of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.)

⁴ After Herod arrested Peter, he put him in jail and handed him over to be guarded by sixteen soldiers. Herod planned to bring Peter before the people for trial after the Passover Feast.

⁵ So Peter was kept in jail, but the church prayed earnestly to God for him.
⁶ The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains.
Other soldiers were guarding the door of the jail.

⁷ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord stood there, and a light shined in the cell.

The angel struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Hurry! Get up!" the angel said. And the chains fell off Peter's hands.

⁸ Then the angel told him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." And Peter did. Then the angel said, "Put on your coat and follow me."

9 So Peter followed him out, but he did not know if what the angel was doing was real; he thought he might be seeing a vision. 10 They went past the first and second guards and came to the iron gate that separated them from the city. The gate opened by itself for them, and they went through it. When they had walked down one street, the angel suddenly left him.

11 Then Peter realized what had happened. He thought, "Now I know that the Lord really sent his angel to me. He rescued me from Herod and from all the things the people thought would happen."

¹² When he considered this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark. Many people were gathered there, praying.

¹³ Peter knocked on the outside door, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer it.

¹⁴ When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so happy she forgot to open the door. Instead, she ran inside and told the group, "Peter is at the door!"

15 They said to her, "You are crazy!"
But she kept on saying it was true, so they said, "It must be Peter's angel."

16 Peter continued to knock, and when they opened the door, they saw him and were amazed.

17 Peter made a sign with his hand to tell them to be quiet.
He explained how the Lord led him out of the jail, and he said, "Tell James and the other believers what happened."
Then he left to go to another place.

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Everyone sends messages and receives messages.

Everyone gives off "vibes."

That is generic prayer.

Everybody prays.

Christian prayer
has us send and receive messages
to and from the LORD,
maker of heaven and earth,
in the name of Jesus,
through the power of
the Holy Spirit.

Peter in prayer, us in prayer.

Mark 1 NCV

²⁹ As soon as Jesus and his followers left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew.

Peter in prayer, us in prayer (1) HEALING

Mark 1 NCV ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, and the people told Jesus about her. ³¹ So Jesus went to her bed, took her hand, and helped her up. The fever left her, and she began serving them.

Peter in prayer, us in prayer (1) HEALING

Acts 3 NCV

² There, at the Temple ... was a man who had been crippled all his life.

Every day he was carried to this gate to beg for money from the people going into the Temple...

Peter in prayer, us in prayer: (1) HEALING

⁶ But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold, but I do have something else I can give you. By the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth, stand up and walk!"

⁷ Then Peter took the man's right hand and lifted him up.... He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk.

Peter in prayer, us in prayer: (1) HEALING

Acts 5 NCV

15 The people placed their sick
on beds and mats in the streets,
hoping that when Peter passed by
at least his shadow might fall on them.

Peter in prayer, us in prayer: (1) HEALING

Mark 14 NCV ¹⁷ In the evening, Jesus went to that house with the twelve... ²² While they were eating, Jesus took some bread ... ²³ Then Jesus took a cup ... ²⁶ After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Peter in prayer, us in prayer (2) SINGING

1 Peter 1:3-4 NCV
³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peter in prayer, us in prayer (3) PRAISING

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ACTION STEP #2

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ACTION STEP #3

Once again, let's pray together "The Lord's Prayer"

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.