

Faith Under Fire
Text: Acts 12:1-19
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Big Idea:

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

When my faith is under fire, I must...

Point 1: _____: "God will hear it!" (vv. 1-5)

Question: Faith's first response is to turn to God in fervent prayer. Will you pray fervently?

Sermon Notes...

Question #4

- a) **Rd. vv. 1-5:** Describe Peter's situation.
- b) When the believers heard the news about Peter, what was their first response?
- c) What is your first response when your faith is under fire? *Why* that?
- d) What is your response saying about where/what your confidence is ultimately in?
- e) Spend time as a group praying for more fervent prayer!

Point 2: _____: “God can do it!” (vv. 6-16)

Question: God is sovereign and can do the impossible. Do you truly believe it?

Sermon Notes...

Question #6

- a) **Rd. vv. 6-11:** How did God answer the prayers of His people? Describe what happened as a group.
- b) **Now stop and think about this:** This really happened! Spend a few moments in adoration to God.
- c) Explain how the work of the angel points to Jesus and His gospel work today.

Point 3: _____: “God has done it!” (vv. 17-19)

Question: Testifying to God’s work fuels the faith of God’s people. Will you testify?

Sermon Notes...

Question #7

- a) **Rd vv. 17-19:** What does Peter tell the church to do? Why would he emphasize this as a priority?
- b) **With Unbelievers:** Where is a constant gospel testimony lacking in your life?
- c) **With Believers:** How does testifying to God’s work fuel the faith of other believers?
- d) Spend time testifying to 2-3 God at work stories with your group. These can be of how you’ve seen God answer prayer both in and outside of the church.

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) **REVERENCE** before God: Jesus, You are the God who_____.
- b) **HUMILITY** before God: Jesus, I confess i) My lack of fervent prayer in_____. ii) My unbelief that You can____ iii) My lack of testifying to Your work with_____.
- c) **THANKSGIVING:** Jesus, thank You for answering prayer about_____.
- d) **SUPPLICATION** to God: Jesus, I ask for i) Greater priority fervency in prayer. ii) Increased faith that You can_____. iii) A more constant testimony/gospel witness with_____.

Memory Verse:

“For nothing will be impossible with God.”-Luke 1:37

