

# Letting Go

New Year's Eve 2024



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- Letting go is one of the hardest things to do.

# 1. Pray as a Group

**Acts 12:5** *But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him.*

- Whole church, not just one or two
- Prayed intensely – intercession.
- Power in agreement.
- Be open to share so others can pray for your situation.

## 2. Rest.

**Acts 12:6** *The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate.*

- Peter had changed!
- Peter had no control over his circumstances.
- He was learning to “let go”.

### 3. Be Ready.

**Acts 12:7-8** *Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, “Quick! Get up!” And the chains fell off his wrists.*

*Then the angel told him, “Get dressed and put on your sandals.” And he did. “Now put on your coat and follow me,” the angel ordered.*

- Chains = personal restraints
- Encounter set him free, but he was still a prisoner.

## 4. Follow

**Acts 12:9-11** *So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn't realise it was actually happening.*

*They passed the first and second guard posts and came to the iron gate leading to the city, and this opened for them all by itself.*

*So they passed through and started walking down the street, and then the angel suddenly left him.*

*Peter finally came to his senses. "It's really true!" he said. "The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jewish leaders had planned to do to me!"*

**Galatians 5:1** *So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.*

**Romans 6:7** *For when we died with Christ, we were set free from the power of sin.*

**2 Corinthians 3:16-18** *But when someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

*So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord.*

*And the Lord – who is the Spirit – makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.*