

Acts 12: “No Need To Panic”
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Context: Acts 12:1-4

King Herod's grandson, _____, appointed king over grandfather's territories by Claudius Caesar in AD _____.

In AD _____, made king over Judea, Samaria and Idumea (Palestine). Saw the christianity movement as a _____ and _____ the church. Had _____, the son of Zebedee, brother of John, beheaded.

Matthew 20:23

“You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with.”

King Herod Agrippa I had _____ seized and put in prison during _____ and the _____.

Exodus 12

Passover - April 14th

Feast of Unleavened Bread - 15-21

Guarded by _____ of soldiers. Third arrest. 1st arrest in Acts 4. Second arrest in Acts 5.

Panic: sudden, uncontrollable fear or anxiety often causing wildly unthinking behavior (dictionary.com)

No Need to Panic: Acts 12:5-10

Why don't we see Peter in a panic? 3 principles:

1. **Remember** who “keeps” you

Physically: Peter was *kept* in _____ (v.5), the _____ were to *keep* him (v.4). The guards were *keeping* the _____ (v. 6). Peter was physically kept (held, guarded) under their charge and authority.

Spiritually: 1 Peter 1:3-5

Peter was being kept by _____ of God through _____ for _____ . No need to panic.

Whatever we allow to “keep” us will have authority over us.

What is muscle memory?

2. Pray

Pray _____ . Pray _____ . Pray _____ .
Pray _____ . (Acts 2:42)

Jeremiah 33:3

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

Isaiah 55:8-9

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord.
‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.’”

3. Obey God

What is the purpose of the “wait/weight” room?

Angel of the Lord gave three commands to Peter: _____, _____, _____

What is faithful muscle memory?

What impossibilities did God do?

Acts 12:11-17

What did Peter know for certain? _____

What did the praying church doubt? _____

Acts 12:18-25

Who had the final word in Peter’s life and Herod Agrippa I’s life? _____

Who had the final word in your life? _____

Why didn’t Peter panic? What had he learned through many of life’s trials?

1 Peter 1:6-9

Application:

What is keeping you outside of God’s power and faith that is possibly ruling your life, relationships, choices and attitudes?

If you are a believer, you are new in Christ. You are His and held by His power through faith. Your chains are gone. The prison doors open and the iron gate swung wide. Jesus did that for you. Will you walk in the the faith and freedom that Jesus has for you?