

SCHOOL OF FAITH BIBLE INSTITUTE®
THE DOOR OF FAITH
FAITH 104: SESSION NINE

REVERSING THE VERDICT OF IMPOSSIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES

Acts 14:27

(27) And when they (the Jewish believers) were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened **the door of faith** unto the Gentiles.

Acts 10:34-35

(34) Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons:** (35) But in **every nation** he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, **is accepted with him.**

The Door Of Faith represents the opportunity to live a lifestyle where reversing the order of impossible circumstances become normal as opposed to being strange or out of the ordinary. Once you have walked through *The Door Of Faith*, you have:

1. Made a conscious decision to live a lifestyle of trusting God without reserve or limitation
2. Rejected the idea of normalcy and average thinking
3. Embraced the reality of the invisible realm
4. Become intolerant of fear and religious based living that keeps prisoner to the natural realm
5. Determined to live in faith with expectation of what you believe to be so (based upon your confession of the Word)

This is what the Bible means when it says, *“the just shall live by faith”*.

CONFRONTING THE CIRCUMSTANCES WITH FAITH

Acts 12:1-5

(1) Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. (2) And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. (3) And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) (4) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. (5) **Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.**

- All impossible circumstances in the life of the believer require the confrontation of faith

Jude 3

(3) Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that YE SHOULD EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH which was once delivered unto the saints.

- Some situation can be dealt with individually by the individual believer
- Whenever a circumstance arises that becomes a matter of life or death, it requires the pulling together of faith-filled believers in order to defeat that demonic attack
- Satan employs terror (or persecution) because it's a carrier of torment (vexing fear)

1 John 4:18

(18) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: BECAUSE FEAR HATH TORMENT. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

The believers went into a 24 hour prayer vigil with total faith, believing that God would supernaturally intervene on the Church's behalf (by way of Peter). This was a Church matter, thus a Covenant matter.

Acts 12:6-8

(6) And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. (7) And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. (8) And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

- The enemy's plan to disrupt the ministry of the early church was securely in place with the execution of James and the imprisonment of Peter (the most outspoken leaders)
- But because the early believers had already passed through the door of faith, supernatural intervention would reverse the verdict of impossible circumstances.

Light [revelation of truth]

“Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals”

Chains fall off [truth setting you free]

“Cast thy garment on, and follow me”

Notice how the supernatural intervention of God is preceded by faith (prayers of the believers) and followed by faith (with the putting of gear to walk).

Acts 12:10-11

(10) When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. (11) And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

- The angel was sent as a consequence of the prayers of the Church
- The prison doors and prison gates were all opened as a consequence of the faith of the believers
- The faith of the believers delivered Peter out of the grips of the enemy's hand

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