



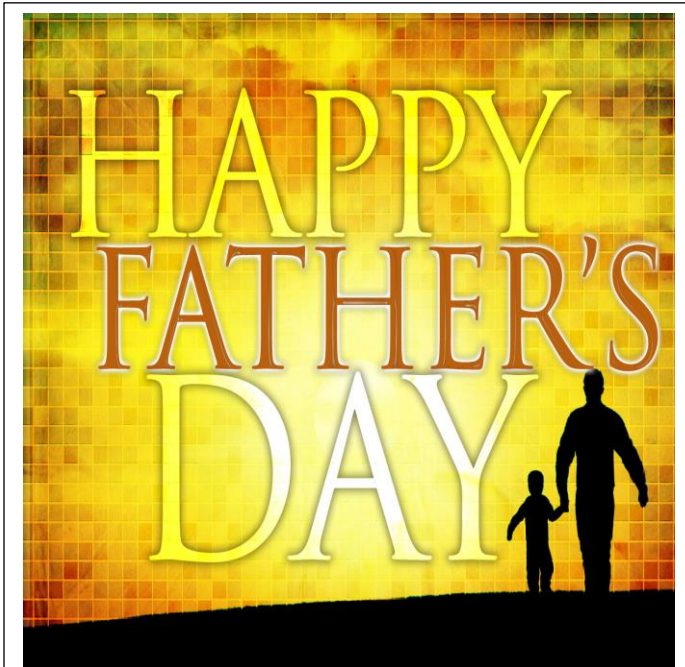
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## Are you performing Miracles and Wonders among the people?

In the Book of Acts Chapter 5: 12-32, it demonstrates the kind of POWER the apostles had, and they used that power to heal the sick and minister to those who were around them.

Dear Chosen One:

Greetings in the Name above all names JESUS!

This illustration is taken from the Book of Acts Chapter 5:12-32. The Bible says after Jesus' resurrection the apostles were working miracles and wonders. Those who were sick were being healed and many people were brought to the roadside for Peter's shadow to heal them. Because of these miracles many people were believing in the Lord and the believers were increasing in number.

However, the High Priest and some of the other religious leaders (the Sadducees) were angry and jealous so they arrested the apostles and put them in jail. Whenever believers are committed to doing God's work, they will always find some people who want to discourage and hinder them from getting the task accomplished. These religious leaders arrested the apostles and put them in jail hoping that the miracles would stop. However, even in prison the Holy Spirit can still accomplish His works through believers who surrender their lives to do God's work.

The Bible says during the night an angel of the Lord opened the jail doors and let the apostles out. It does not matter where you are right now, what is important, is what you are doing for Jesus. Jesus could still reach you right now. A jail cell, a prison door, or a hospital bed cannot stop the plans and works that the Lord has prepared for you.

The apostles were on a mission, and no one was going to abort God's mission from succeeding. Let me assure you, if you are on a mission for God no one can stop you. Only you can stop yourself by allowing fear to create illusions in your mind. Remember FEAR-- is false evidence appearing real-- so do not believe Satan's lies.

The apostles' mission was to go and tell the people that the same Jesus that they

had crucified was alive and living among us. The apostles' mission was to give hope to the hopeless and that is the same mission you and I are mandated to proclaim.

The high priest and the religious leaders came together for one reason: they had a problem with the apostles using Jesus' Name and crediting Him for all the miracles that were taking place. These were the elected leaders in Israel, and they were *not* getting any recognition or credit for the miracles that the apostles were performing.

In addition, the apostles were preaching and teaching in the Name of Jesus, a man whom the leaders had crucified, and this was ruining their reputation. After a while, they gave orders to escort the apostles from their prison cells, but when the guards went to get these men, they were not there. The Jail was still lock and the guards were still on their post, but the apostles were not in their cells. Glory!

Soon after the news reached the religious leaders that the apostles were teaching in the temple, the same temple that they had forbidden them to preach in. The captain of the temple guard went out and rearrested the apostles and brought them before the high priest to be interrogated. The high priest said, "**We gave you strict orders not to teach in [JESUS] name...**" (verse 28) I am sure Peter responded by saying: "Look! Jesus is the only Name we can preach in. I was there when you arrested Him! I was there when you beat Him! It was me who denied Him! I was there when you nailed Him to the cross. I was there when His body could not be found in the grave. I was there when He appeared to us in the 'Upper Room'. I do not know about you; Jesus who called me out of the boat to walk on the water, is ALIVE and well and I will mention His Name! It does not matter what you do with us, we must preach in the Name of Jesus, and we are NOT going to be silent!"

I could also hear Peter saying: “We want the world to know that God raised Jesus from the dead and that He is our Savior and Redeemer. As a matter of fact, He is the reason that I am alive. He is the Head of the Church. Hey! The Name of Jesus shall be mentioned in this temple and every other temple in the world. All people, every nation, everything in the earth and under the earth shall bow their knees when they hear the Name of Jesus!” (Romans 14:11)

People do you know, not even death could have kept Jesus in the grave? That is why I must preach in His Name. Jesus came to be a Light to those who are in darkness. He shed His blood to purchase our sin. He defeated death and rose triumphally and He is seated at the right hand of God the Father interceding on our behalf. Peter was standing courageously and proclaiming the Gospel.

Yes! The same Peter who denied Christ three times was now boldly standing in front of the council and leaders of Jerusalem telling them about Jesus. When I think about the goodness of Jesus and all He has done for me my soul cries out Hallelujah! Thank God for saving me.

As you read this message you may be thinking about your own circumstances or the difficulties that you may have been going through as a believer. I want to encourage you today that there is an end to every situation and circumstance that God allows to impact your life. Yes, the Bible says, **“Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.” (Psalm 30:5b)** Continue to trust God and hold on to His unchanging Hands—He is Faithful!

We need to start operating in God’s power so those unbelievers will know who Jesus is. These apostles were afraid, but they did not allow fear to stop them for preaching and demonstrating God’s Love to others.

They were guilty of preaching the Gospel and the religious leaders in their era put them in prison in hopes of keeping them quiet but that did not work. In America people rarely go to jail for preaching the Gospel but in various parts of the world many believers are being tortured and slaughtered for being a Christian.

You and I do not know what it is to be persecuted for Christ. Oftentimes, when some people encountered minute discomfort, they called it being persecuted. But my friend the time and day is coming when you and I must stand for Jesus or fall to the world’s system. Jesus said if you and I deny Him, He will deny us before His Father.

I could only encourage you from experience. While I was incarcerated, many times I received infractions for ministering to others but even that could not stop me from telling others about Jesus. I was lied on, falsely accused, put to shame, and even had my name tainted because I was representing Jesus, like to apostles did. Like them, I was not willing to back off and keep silent. After a while, the devil stopped firing his arrows because **“A thousand may fall at [my] side and ten thousand at [my] right hand, but it will not come near [me]”** (Psalm 91:7).

Today, I can tell others how I made it out with my mind still intact. God restored the years that the enemy had stolen from my family and me. Yes, I am a living testimony for Jesus. I can boldly proclaim:

Jesus is the reason why I sing. Jesus is the reason why I pray. He is the reason why I dance. He is the reason for my Freedom. Jesus is the reason why I continue to preach the Word of God uncompromised. He is the reason why I am alive today. He is the reason why I am blessed and highly favored. My life would be nothing without Jesus.

It does not matter what you are going through right now. Remember when the apostles got themselves into trouble? The angel of the Lord came and rescue them. Jesus is more faithful than those other false gods that people worship. There is nothing too difficult for God to accomplish in you, though you, and around you.

Right where you are, right now, just call upon the Name of Jesus and He will answer and comfort you with His Peace. Jesus promised that when everything else fails He will still be there, holding you up and whispering how much He loves you. Once you put your trust in God, He will see to it that your future is brighter than your past. Jesus said, **“Everyone who calls on the Name of Jesus will be saved.”** (Romans 10:13) Do you want to be saved? Then call on the Name of Jesus as that is the only Name that demons fear and bow down to.

My message to you is--be patient and stay hopeful, God has not forgotten you. He knows where you are--this too shall pass. You too will get the opportunity to share your testimony with others. God bless you—be encouraged!

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