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GET UP AND DO IT

GET UP SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

It's action time. It's time to get up and go to the next level. There are some things God has to do for us with his supernatural grace and power. And there are some things we have to do because God has given us dominion in the Earth with the power to walk in His promise, plan, and ability.

Since we are in relationship with God, it takes two to work. Some of us have been too reliant on other people's assistance and not on God's revelation. But, mature people in faith receive God's revelation and become responsible for our part in getting things done.

Let's look at Peter. He represents the Church - not a place, but a people. Peter also represents what is possible. He has a divine encounter with God where he's responsible to do what is possible. And then when Peter can no longer do what's possible, he encounters God who does what is impossible. God will not do for us what we can do for ourselves. It's time to *get up and do it*.

THIS WILL BE YOUR RECORD BREAKING YEAR.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

Moses stretch out your staff

Widow collect empty jars

Peter go fishing and you will get our tax money

**YOU CAN NOT SEE THE IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL
YOU HAVE DONE THE POSSIBLE.**

THE SITUATION IS BAD

Acts 12:1-2 NIV - [1] It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. [2] He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.

- Just because a negative situation happened to someone else does not mean it will happen to you.
- Low faith is a result of you trying to protect yourself from past failures.
- The enemy loves to mentally, physically, and spiritually imprison your possibilities.

What situation from your past is holding you hostage in your present?

THE ATMOSPHERE IS BAD

Acts 12:4 NIV - *After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod **intended** to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.*

- Some atmospheres do not go with your assignment. Don't let the negativity around you get inside you.
- Some people are assigned to hinder your productivity (warfare).

What does your atmosphere look like? Who are you surrounding yourself with?

TIMING IS BAD

Acts 12:6 NIV - *The night before Herod was to bring him to trial,*

- You may be doing the right thing but at the wrong time.
- You have to learn to trust God and His timing.
- God is giving you a process of how to move into what is possible and will give you clarity and direction.

What have you started and failed because of timing? How did you handle the failure?

**THE SITUATION IS BAD.
THE ATMOSPHERE IS BAD.
THE TIMING IS BAD.**

Acts 12:7-10 NIV - [7] **Suddenly** an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. **He struck Peter on the side and woke him up.** "**Quick, get up!**" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, "**Put on your clothes and sandals.**" And Peter did so. [8] "**Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,**" the angel told him. [9] Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. [10] They **passed the first and second guards** and came to the iron gate leading to the city. **It opened for them by itself,** and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

- Light represents knowledge and revelation. God brings revelation to your situation.
- God always shows up with an instruction that requires faith.

- Follow God even when you have no idea what He is doing and what's happening.
- Tell your problems about your possibilities. Participate in your miracle.

What situation in your life are you seeking revelation from God? What instructions has God already given you that you still have not followed?

Luke 18:27 NIV - Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

GOD IS NOT GOING TO DO WHAT HE HAS GIVEN YOU THE ABILITY TO DO.

POSSIBLE (WHAT YOU CAN DO)

1. GET UP

Acts 12:7 NIV - "Quick, get up!"

- Get up fast.
- Don't talk yourself out of doing what you know you can do.

Why are you in a place of stagnation and complacency? What will it take to change your posture?

2. GET DRESSED

Acts 12:8a NIV - "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so.

- Your appearance has to match your possibilities. Start preparing for your exit.

What does your appearance say about you?

3. PUT YOUR COAT ON

Acts 12:8b NIV - "Wrap your cloak around you."

- Make sure you have everything, so you don't have to go back to where you came from.

What are you clothing yourself in to step into your next?

4. FOLLOW ME

Acts 12:8c NIV - and follow me," the angel told him

- Your future is determined by who you follow.
- Your ability to follow divine instructions determines your ability to succeed.
- God cannot bless you beyond your obedience to your last instruction.

Who are you following? Are they leading you on a path of success? If not, what are you willing to do to get on track?

GOD DOESN'T SPEAK TO YOUR PROBLEMS, HE SPEAKS TO YOUR POTENTIAL.

IMPOSSIBLE (GOD) DIVINE INTERVENTION

*Acts 12:7a NIV - **Suddenly** an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell.*

- Divine intervention is what comes from God, not man. When God comes in He changes things.

Reflect on your life. Recall a time when God intervened on your behalf in a difficult situation. What was the situation? What was the outcome?

MAKES YOU ALERT

*Acts 12:7b NIV - **He struck Peter on the side and woke him up***

- Once God "wakes" you up He lets you know what is next for you.
- God knows how to talk to you and not everyone else.

The last time God "woke you" in the midst of your "sleep," what instructions did He give you? How long did it take you to act on them?

BREAK CHAINS

Acts 12:7c NIV - and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

- God has the ability to break chains. He can speak to you what is for you.

What has God spoken to you? What chains has He removed from you so that you can move freely?

MAKE YOUR ENEMIES POWERLESS

*Acts 12:10a NIV - They **passed the first and second guards***

- God will make your enemies totally unaware of what you are doing.
- Don't announce your moves to people who are "sleeping."
- Your enemies will not be able to stop you and they will not be able to affect you the way they used to.

Recall a time in your life when you were working on something behind the scenes no one else knew about. What was it? How did they respond when you revealed it?

PROVIDE A WAY OF ESCAPE

Acts 12:10b NIV - came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it.

- Any iron gate takes the strength of several people to open it. Don't worry about people lifting your gate.

Gates are used to secure and protect from unwanted entries. What gates have God removed and allowed you to walk freely?

Acts 12:10c NIV - When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

CELEBRATE YOUR NEW ENTRANCE.

QUESTION

Will you follow the divine instruction?

DECLARATION

I will do my part and follow divine instructions.

PRAYER

Father, help me to be attentive to the sound of Your voice. Give me the strength and ability to see You in every circumstance. No matter what process You send me on, allow me to always honor Your timing. If I get ahead of myself, please give me a way of escape so that I can get back in alignment with Your timing. Show me how to monitor my atmosphere and to be accountable for my actions. In Jesus' name, Amen!