

Acts 12:5-11 NLT

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

7 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. 8 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. 9 So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn’t realize it was actually happening.

10 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. 11 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!”

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NLT

17 For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet.. they produce for us a *glory* that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! 18 So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Acts 12:11-16 NLT 11 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!” 12 When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer. 13 He knocked at the door in the gate, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to open it.

14 When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the door, she ran back inside and told everyone, "Peter is standing at the door!"¹⁵ "You're out of your mind!" they said. When she insisted, they decided, "It must be his angel."¹⁶ Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they *finally* opened the door and saw him, they were amazed.

Psalm 34:4 NLT 4 I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from *all* my fears.

Psalms 4:8 NLT "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe."