

A MOTHER'S OPEN DOOR

Acts 12:1-25

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 12:1-25; Acts 4:23-31; Hebrews 11:32-38; 2 Chronicles 20:1-15; Daniel 6:16-23; Philippians 1:12-30; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Who is the first person you would call when you're in trouble? What makes someone the kind of person we turn to for help in our darkest hour?
2. If you feel comfortable sharing with your community group, what kinds of emotions do days like Mother's Day raise for you? How have you found hope in the gospel in the highs and lows of life and painful relationships?
3. Is there a power that you have felt imprisoned by in your life? Recently? What resources has God given us for times when we feel stuck in living out God's mission individually or as a family of faith?
4. What is your prayer life like? How quick are you to turn to prayer when you are under fire at work, in a relationship, in your family, or in your ministry? What practical steps can you take to rely more fully on God's faithfulness in times of adversity?
5. How does our "prayer rate" and "faithfulness under pressure" show our spiritual heart's health much like heart rate and blood pressure are indicators of our physical heart's health? What is one small step you can take today toward greater heart health in one or both of these areas?
6. How does prayer fuel God's mission? If Jesus has sent every single believer on his mission and this requires sacrificial service, what is one way you have thought about your life or your loved one's life with more of a settled mindset than a sent mindset? Ask God to give you a greater desire to live a life sent by Jesus.

RECOMMENDED READING

Amber Emily Smith, *The Girl on the Bathroom Floor: Held Together When Everything Is Falling Apart* (Thomas Nelson, 2025).

Gloria Furman, *Missional Motherhood: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God* (Crossway, 2016).

Brooke McGlothlin, *Gospel Mom: How to Make Biblical Decisions and Discover the Mom God Created You to Be* (Baker Books, 2020).