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**Praying Boldly - March 13, 2016**

1. Take some time to share about how God has been working in and through you this past week using the B.L.E.S.S. habits questions.
  - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
  - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
  - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
  - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
  - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. Take some time to share as a group how you have seen God "show up" in powerful ways in your life. What "impossible situations" has God brought you through? Take some time to thank God in prayer for these things.
3. Read Acts 12:1-19. How did the believers respond to Peter's arrest and imprisonment? How did Peter respond to his situation? What does this tell you about what they believed about God? How does this encourage you in your journey?
4. How does this story challenge and encourage you to "pray earnestly" for God to do the impossible? What are you praying for in this regard today?
5. Read Psalm 9:9-10, Psalm 32:7, and Psalm 46:1. What do we learn from these passages? How can we apply these principles when we experience trials and troubles?
6. Why do you think God rescued Peter and not James? How does this challenge us? How does Paul speak into this in Phil 3:10-11.
7. Read Matthew 4:18-19. How did Jesus describe His mission? As followers of Christ we are given the same mission and we need God's power to fulfill our mandate. How does this mission inspire you?
8. Take time as a group to pray earnestly for God to do that which seems impossible.



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## SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### Praying Boldly

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
March 13, 2016



Acts 12:1-5 About that time King Herod Agrippa began to persecute some believers in the church. <sup>2</sup> He had the apostle James (John's brother) killed with a sword. <sup>3</sup> When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish people, he also arrested Peter. (This took place during the Passover celebration) <sup>4</sup> Then he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover. <sup>5</sup> But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him.

**Big Idea: When the church prays earnestly, God will do the impossible.**

Isaiah 53:4-6,10 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried;  
it was our sorrows that weighed him down.  
And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God,  
a punishment for his own sins!

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our rebellion,  
crushed for our sins.

He was beaten so we could be whole.

He was whipped so we could be healed.

<sup>6</sup> All of us, like sheep, have strayed away.

We have left God's paths to follow our own.

Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all....

<sup>10</sup> But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him  
and cause him grief.

Yet when his life is made an offering for sin,  
he will have many descendants.

He will enjoy a long life,  
and the Lord's good plan will prosper in his hands.

Matthew 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favour has come."