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NEW SERIES - FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

# STAND TOGETHER

PRAY & SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER

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UNLEASHED  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
TEACHING NOTES

***The Christian life is personal,  
but it was never meant to be done alone.***

**Acts 12:3-4** (NLT)

When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish people, he also arrested Peter. This took place during the Passover celebration. 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.

***When life gets tough who do you have supporting you?***

**PRAY for one another.**

**Acts 12:5-10** (NLT)

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

***The miracle didn't start at the prison,  
it started in a living room full of people praying.***

**Ephesians 6:18** (NLT)

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

***You don't just need people who give opinions,  
you need people who take your name to God.***

**WALK with one another**

**Acts 12:12-14** (NLT)

When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer. He knocked at the door in the gate, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to open it.

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!"

**Galatians 6:2** (NLT)

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

**SHOW UP for one another**

**Acts 12:15-17** (NLT)

"You're out of your mind!" they said. When she insisted, they decided, "It must be his angel." Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they finally opened the door and saw him, they were amazed. He motioned for them to quiet down and told them how the Lord had led him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers what happened," he said. And then he went to another place.

***Prayer opens the door, but God often uses community  
to walk with you into what's ahead.***

**NEXT WEEK:** New Series: *Following Jesus Together - Part 3*

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