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GOD ANSWERS THE PRAYERS OF THE HURTING

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1. God will act righteously.

When we look beyond our circumstances and fix our gaze on the God who is righteous, we find the strength to endure, the peace to rest, and the hope to move forward.

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1. God will act righteously.
2. God will give relief.

**The God who gave David relief
can give you relief.**

GOD HONORS THE PURE IN HEART

PSALM 4:2-5

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1. Avoid that which is shameful. (v. 2)
2. Claim that which is sure. (v. 3)
3. Flea that which is sinful. (v. 4)
4. Sacrifice that which is sincere. (v. 5)

GOD PROSPERS THE HOPEFUL

PSALM 4:6-7

There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!” You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

1. Seek the Lord's presence.
2. Celebrate the Lord's provisions.

GOD GIVES PEACE TO THE HUMBLE

PSALM 4:8

*In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.*

1. The humble rest in the Lord.
2. The humble trust in the Lord.

ACTS 12:6-11

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, “Get up quickly. And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, “Dress yourself and put on your sandals.” And he did so. And he said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.” And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.

ACTS 12:6-11

When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”

Peter did not know how God would act.
But he did know who held his life.



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