

# MIRACULOUS DOORS

But thou, o man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

**1 TIMOTHY 6:11 KJV**

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

**2 PETER 3:9 ESV**

## FERVENT PRAYER OPENS DOORS:

### 1. BREAKING THROUGH WHAT THE POWERFUL CLAIM AS THEIR OWN

<sup>1</sup> 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. <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.

**ACTS 12:1-5 NLT**

If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.

**ECCLESIASTES 5:8 KJV**

This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

**DANIEL 4:17 KJV**

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### 2. TO GIVE US COMPLETE FREEDOM

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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!"

**ACTS 12:6-11 NLT**

### IN MOST MIRACULOUS SCENARIOS, WE WILL FIND THREE ELEMENTS:

ACCORDING TO ACTS 12



**“The prayer of the church, offered in faith, moves the hand of God more than any human idea or plan.”**

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### 3. TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH BY REMOVING ALL DOUBT

<sup>12</sup> When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer. <sup>13</sup> He knocked at the door in the gate, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to open it. <sup>14</sup> 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!" <sup>15</sup> "You're out of your mind!" they said. When she insisted, they decided, "It must be his angel." <sup>16</sup> Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking. When they finally opened the door and saw him, they were amazed. <sup>17</sup> 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.

**ACTS 12:12-17 NLT**

<sup>7</sup> And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; <sup>8</sup> I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

**REVELATION 3:7-8 KJV**

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

**REVELATION 3:20 KJV**