

# WEEK 3: KING HEROD AND PETER, PEACE

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*So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. (Acts 12:5)*

## **Acts 12:1-6**

King Herod was a true bad guy of the **Bible**. He lived out his life hating Jesus and anyone who followed him. Herod knew that Peter was a follower of Jesus so he had Peter thrown in prison – ultimately planning to kill him. During this time, the body of Christ **prayed** fervently for Peter, and because of this, Peter felt true **peace** that can only come from God. He knew God would protect him.

Peace is when God helps us to be calm no matter what is going on **around** us. It would have been easy for Peter to be scared or angry, but the Holy Spirit had **grown** the fruit of peace in Peter so he did not need to fear.

Jesus promises peace to every believer. When we have faith and keep our thoughts on Him, He will give us **quietness** of our heart, mind and soul. He will lift our heavy burdens!

What heavy **burdens** do you have going on in your life? It seems like the easiest thing to do is worry and let our minds race with questions and **fear**. But God promises us peace, and in reality, the easiest thing we can do is give up our cares to Christ and let His peace fill us. When the storm is raging around us and it seems **impossible** to find quiet, God is our peace: He brings calm to the storm. He is the only constant, stable thing in our lives that we can always depend on.

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### **Questions to think about:**

1. What is something you tend to worry about?
  2. What does God promise to every believer?
  3. How can you strengthen your ability to trust God and experience His peace?
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