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“So the LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A rod.” And He said, “Cast it on the ground.” So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; ...”

Exodus 4:2-3 (NKJV)

Thought for today...

As followers of Christ, we are privileged to partner with our Heavenly Father as He works in the earth. Our partnership status brings with it a level of responsibility. There are some things that we must do, as opposed to expecting the Lord to do for us; case in point - Acts 12:8: ‘Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,” the angel told him.’ (New International Version).

In Acts 12:1-11, we read that King Herod had arrested ‘some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them.’ Having had ‘James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword’ and noticing that his actions ‘met with approval among the Jews,’ he arrested Peter also. ‘After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each.’ During this time, ‘the church was earnestly praying to God’ for Peter.



‘The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up.

“Quick, get up!” he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists.’ Peter is then instructed by the angel to put on his clothes and sandals, wrap his cloak around him and follow.

‘Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.”’

When instructed by the angel to get up quickly, Peter could have complained that he was tired and needed an extra hour to sleep; when told to wrap his cloak around him, he could have argued that he was feeling a little warm so would carry it instead. Despite whatever thoughts Peter may have had concerning the instructions he had been given, he obeyed. He did what he was naturally able to do and God did what Peter couldn’t.

Followers of Christ know that the same God who rescued Peter from prison, is alive today and accomplishing great things in the earth. Who knows what He will do through those of us who are willing to allow His super to meet our natural and God’s extra to meet our ordinary?



I don’t know about you, but I’d like to find out...