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Acts 12:1-11

It's easy to succumb to the physical realities of our world, believing that what we see, hear, taste, and touch is all that is going on. This can lead us to deduce that what we face or what happens around the world is completely inescapable. This can especially be the case when governments, organizations, or powerful people groups oppress, abuse, and even kill others.

The apostle Paul reminds us that "our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms" (Ephesians 6:12). He encourages the church to "pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (v. 18).

The early church in Acts knew this reality and practice. With Peter arrested and imprisoned, the church didn't concede to this persecuted reality. They did what they trusted could make a difference?they prayed! And it wasn't with incredibly great faith, either.

May we take heart, trust, and intercede on behalf of those who are mistreated and wronged.

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