

Rejoice in God's Answers

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Acts 12:12-24

Acts 12 is one of my favorite passages of Scripture. I love when we get snippets of daily life in biblical times and find that people are the same today. Have you ever been so overjoyed with good news that you lost a sense of yourself? That is what happened with Rhoda. She was so overjoyed that she ran back to report to the others gathered in prayer for Peter and forgot to open the gate for him!

This servant girl, arguably the lowest member in the household, was the first one to have the joy of knowing God's answer to their prayers. As a servant in a Christian household, she would have witnessed and likely participated in the prayers for Peter's release. They were still gathered in the night, praying earnestly for Peter's release, and the answer to their prayers was just outside the gate!

There is also a warning: others, even other believers, will often think we are "out of our minds" when we rejoice in God's answers to prayers that have not yet been seen (v.15). God may reveal his answer to the one sent to open the gate and not those busy in prayer. Let's not stop rejoicing!

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