

## GOM #7: Acts 12:1-16 CHAINS BREAK WHERE PRAYER BUILDS

*God's People Are at Their Best When They Pray Together*

1 LARGEST PIPELINE under construction, GASUN, Brazil: connect Gasbol pipeline in Bolivia with northern Amazon and northeast Brazilian states. total length 3000m, 11 bill cubic metres natural gas. entire project is expected completed in 2026 \$2.48bn.

(PICTURE) – heat, clean water, powers industry/home. HAVING ALL THAT NOT TURN

- **PRAYER** - PIPELINE – Connects HEAVEN/EARTH 46.5 billion LY
  - o The Jesus Pipeline – CONNECTED TO HEART OF FATHER THRU SON. pwr

**MP: God's power and purpose are miraculously released when His people pray.**

**Every time we pray like the early church prayed, the book of Acts breaks out.**

- **Opportunity has been piped in but many people have valve turned off**  
**Kingdom Vision sees corporate prayer as the greatest and most powerful tool in the church's arsenal. We get on the train (experiencing Jesus) together.**

**PRAYER SHAKES UP. The power of heaven is released on earth when we pray.**

**CHAOS IN THE COMMUNITY:** James killed. Herod high on pop swing. KILL MORE.

Imprisons Peter. REFLEX OF THE CHURCH WAS NOT protest but prayer

- Brought God's people to a place of desperation. **2008 RECESSION full chapel**

**GOD'S PEOPLE ARE AT THEIR BEST WHEN WE ARE PRAYING TOGETHER**

**Easiest way to gather Christians in the early church was to have a prayer meeting**

- After the ascension. Pentecost. When persecuted. Sent out missionaries. **LOVED BC Jesus did.** Always praying. Powerful connect. LIFE DEMONST. **Teach Us. missio dei**

- Our Father who... your kingdom come – **PRAY THE KINGDOM INTO THIS WRLD**

John 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. **YOU REALLY WANT TO SHAKE THINGS UP IN JESUS' NAME - PRAY**

**Awaken Events: prayed/fasted over 11k people come faith. DEVIL FEARS PRYNG CHCH**

**PRAYER BREAKS UP: Chains, strongholds, demonic powers broken when we pray.**

**GOD MARSHALLS HIS ANGELS TO ANSWER** – peter gets an angel and an escort.

- The full might of the Roman empire was nothing compared to power of GOD.
  - o Chains fall, gates open, guards are sleeping.
- God will send angelic beings behalf of His people Peter, Daniel, Jesus, Hagar
  - o **ITS WAR. REALITY IS WE ARE AT WAR.** Fams, growth, friends, wrld

**2 Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.**

- **JESUS IS THE LORD OF SABAOTH OR THE LORD OF HOSTS. ARMIES HEAVEN**

In 1727, after Count Zinzendorf welcomed a group of persecuted Protestant refugees (mostly from Moravia and Bohemia) onto his estate **plagued by division and disunity.** Zinzendorf, a devout Christian nobleman, guided ppl **repentance, reconciliation, and unified prayer.** On **August 13,**

1727, during a communion service, the Spirit of God fell on the congregation in a powerful way. People wept, confessed sins, and experienced deep unity. **round-the-clock prayer, lasted 100-year prayer meeting**, as it continued. **Launched global missions movement, current 24/7 pmovement**  
**JESUS REVOLUTION: 24 hour prayer –**

We have Seen: Physical healing cancer, baby infertility, broken marriages restored, prodigal children return, salvation for unsaved spouses, joy in pain, supernatural financial provision, chains addiction broken, cycles of sin families shattered, **THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF HOPE - PRAYER**

**PRAYER WAKES UP: The people of God are awakened to God when He answers P. PETER/PEOPLE ASTONISHED. Smacked. Instructed. Led and Left**

- Everyone is sleeping a little bit – PETER IS OUT / PEOPLE NOT REALLY CONV.

When God moves people are awakened to His power and love.

CHURCH IS ASLEEP/XIANS - DANGER IS VALVE IS TURNED OFF/TO A TRICKLE

- **EXTREME INDIVIDUALISM:** hyper personal freedom. You do You. Economic Individualism. Vegas Culture Disconnection. **CLOSES THE VALVE**

Matthew 18:19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

**Instead of texting “I’ll be praying,” what if we stopped and prayed right then and there, even in a grocery aisle or parking lot? What if our small groups made prayer the centerpiece, not the appendix? What if, after every Sunday service, people lingered, not only to socialize, but to intercede? What if you and two friends picked a 10-minute window every week just to pray over your families, your church, or your city? GOD WOULD SHAKE AND BREAK.**

**MAYBE NOT SURE:** Sometimes you get peter, sometimes you get James.

- We want a faith that always ends in victory parades. But Acts 12 reminds us that the same Church that celebrated Peter’s release also had to bury James.

**Where many Christians quietly check out.**

Faith that lasts must wrestle with this reality. God isn’t a vending machine. He’s a sovereign King. And yet God invites us to ask boldly, trust deeply, and pray continually, even when the outcome is unclear. **OPEN THE VALVE!!!! MOST IMPORTANT MESS**

**HETTY GREEN:** witch wall street – Americas wealthiest miser. Wouldn’t spend money on anything. Wore same black dress. Chp boarding houses. Refused pay docs for son. AMP

- **ALL THE WEALTH IN WORLD AVAILABLE. LETS NOT LIVE LIKE THAT PRAY!**