



Building the Church

Acts 12:1-25

Series: Acts, #16

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Theme: **Christ's unlimited power builds His church.**

Faithful believers face dangers.

1. The dangers are real. (1-3)
2. The results are varied. (1-19)

Faithful believers experience God's powerful care.

1. God restrains evil. (3-23)
2. God gives growth. (24-25)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Yesterday we saw that we can make progress in the real world because it is Christ and His power which builds the church. Our circumstances and abilities are not the determining factors. Read 12:1-3 noting the real dangers those believers faced. What dangers do you face in your life for Christ? How do you feel about them, respond to them?

Tuesday. All faithful believers face dangers but the results are varied. Read 12:1-19 noting the contrasting results for James and Peter. What questions do these varied results bring to your mind? What do Jesus' words to Peter in John 21:21-22 mean to you?

Wednesday. Regardless of circumstances, God continually blesses us with His care. One part of His care we may not always notice is His restraining evil. Read 12:3-19 noting the two dramatic examples of rescuing Peter and stopping Agrippa. God does not usually draw such a clear picture for us of this work, but it is constant, even when you don't see it. Thank Him for that.

Thursday. God gives growth to the Word, to the church through faithful believers. As you survey chapter 12 again try to see yourself with those early believers in those rapidly changing, difficult days. Then focus on verses 24-25. God gives growth. He wants to do that in and through you now. Thank Him, Move forward throughout the day with boldness in Christ's power.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at 13:1 – 14:28. Review and think through this section in preparation for our time together.