

The Church Is Persistent in Persecution

Acts 12:1-25
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The loss of a leader can be damaging to any organization. It is much more difficult when the leader has led the group to success in the past and it seems like his absence is intended as a form of punishment. This is the situation the church in Jerusalem faced in the text we will explore this morning. As we journey through this passage, be encouraged that this account is provided to remind us of **The Power of...**

I. P_____ (vv. 1-4, 18-19)

“Grant us,’ they answered Him, ‘that we may sit at Your right and at Your left in Your glory.’³⁸But Jesus said to them, ‘You don’t know what you’re asking. Are you able to drink the cup I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?’³⁹‘We are able,’ they told Him. But Jesus said to them, ‘You will drink the cup I drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with.’”

Mark 10:37-39

“I have told you these things to keep you from stumbling. ²They will ban you from the synagogues. In fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering service to God.”

John 16:1-2

Walking
Point:

Be P_____!

II. P_____ (vv. 5, 12-16)

“Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray... ^{16b}The intense prayer of the righteous is very powerful.” James 5:13a, 16b

“Even before they call, I will answer;
while they are still speaking, I will hear.”
Isaiah 65:24

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III. P_____ (vv. 6-11, 17, 20-25)

“He Himself will deliver you from the hunter’s
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from the destructive plague.” Psalm 91:3

“... then the Lord knows how to rescue the
godly from trials and to keep the unrighteous
under punishment until the day of judgment...”
2 Peter 2:9

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“But I am not ashamed, because I know
whom I have believed and am persuaded that
He is able to guard what has been entrusted to
me until that day.” 2 Timothy 1:12b