

# His Chains Fell Off

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## I. Introduction.

- A. The disciples sought after unique position. (Mark 10:35)
- B. The way to glory is humility. Jesus did not promise the throne but the baptism of suffering.

## II. God loves to get people to desperately relying upon him.

- A. Sometimes it takes a disaster before we really get serious with God.
- B. The disciples prayed.
  - 1. Prayer was made in a way that stretched their limits. This kind of prayer counteracts Satan.
  - 2. Prayer was a corporate act of God.
  - 3. Prayer was made unto God.
  - 4. Prayer was made for Peter.
- C. The result of Peter's prayer was a picture of Christ's resurrection and the believer's regeneration.

## III. Humans have this funny idea that they are free when they are really not--Satan binds men.

IV. Prayer releases the power of God to move. The Christian gospel can get anywhere so long as men take it anywhere.

V. The genius of God's development of the individual is the community of Christ.

### Application questions:

1. Why is prayer crucial to a life of dependence upon God?

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2. What can we learn from the way that the disciples prayed?

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3. Why does the believer need the church in order to grow? How does this demonstrate God's desire for us to be dependent upon him?

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