

JOURNEY INTO POWERFUL LIVING

Lesson 13 – Three Ways God Answers Our Prayers (Acts 12:6-25)

In this section, we find *three ways God answers our prayers...*

1. Sometimes God answers _____ (12:6-11).

2. Sometimes God answers _____ (12:12-19a).

When the church prayed for James, the brother of John, God’s answer was “no.” When they prayed for Peter, it was “yes” beyond their wildest hopes.

Therefore, God sometimes answers our prayers
“**no,**” sometimes “**yes,**” and ...

3. Sometimes God answers _____ (12:19b-25).

Tradition tells us that one day, as Jesus predicted (**John 21:18**), when Peter was old, Roman soldiers came to lead him where he did not want to go—to die a martyr’s death. Tradition also says Peter requested to be crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to die the same way as Jesus.

Peter was the unshakable rock of the church Jesus said he would be. His “***journey into powerful living***” is complete. He preached the first gospel sermon, in which 3,000 were saved (**Acts 2**). He healed the lame man (**Acts 3:6-8**) and even raised the dead (**Acts 9:36-41**). God finally finished His *good work* in Peter.

God is not yet finished with you and me. Therefore, while God is continuing His *good work* in us, we should remember He *answers our prayers in three ways*: **“no,” “yes,”** and **“wait.”**
