

# UNSTOPPABLE

THE GOSPEL IN MOTION

## Devotion Info *That's Not Fair*

### DAY 1 Read Acts 12:1-11

*[1] About that time King Herod Agrippa began to persecute some believers in the church. [2] He had the apostle James (John's brother) killed with a sword. [3] When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish people, he also arrested Peter. (This took place during the Passover celebration.) [4] Then he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover. [5] But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him.*

*[6] The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate. [7] Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, "Quick! Get up!" And the chains fell off his wrists. [8] Then the angel told him, "Get dressed and put on your sandals." And he did. "Now put on your coat and follow me," the angel ordered.*

*[9] So Peter left the cell, following the angel. But all the time he thought it was a vision. He didn't realize it was actually happening. [10] They passed the first and second guard posts and came to the iron gate leading to the city, and this opened for them all by itself. So they passed through and started walking down the street, and then the angel suddenly left him.*

*[11] Peter finally came to his senses. "It's really true!" he said. "The Lord has sent his angel and saved me from Herod and from what the Jewish leaders had planned to do to me!"*

Acts 12:1-11 NLT

- In Acts 12, James is killed while Peter is rescued. Why do you think this would have been confusing and painful for the early church?

### DAY 2 Read Isaiah 55:8-9

*[22] When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. [23] When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord.*

Isaiah 55:8-9 NLT

- How does Isaiah 55:8-9 help us when God's actions don't make sense?
- Have you ever seen God work in a way that you didn't understand at the time, but later saw His purpose?

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### **DAY 3 Read Psalm 100:5**

*[5] For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.*

Psalm 100:5 NLT

- How can we trust that God is good even when life seems unfair?
- Recall a testimony of God's goodness in your own life, even during a hard season.

### **DAY 4 Read 2 Corinthians 12-8-10 and Luke 3:5-6**

*[8] Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. [9] Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. [10] That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

2 Corinthians 12-8-10 NLT

*[5] The valleys will be filled, and the mountains and hills made level. The curves will be straightened, and the rough places made smooth. [6] And then all people will see the salvation sent from God."*

Luke 3:5-6 NLT

- Have you ever experienced God's strength in your weakness?
- Sometimes we want justice now. Why is it hard to wait for God to make things right?

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- How does knowing that God's justice is certain help us to live in peace in unfair circumstances?
- How can we keep our eyes on God's ultimate justice instead of becoming bitter about unfairness?

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