**Uncertain** – Week 1

“Living Through Uncertain Times”

Acts 12: 1-17

* Peter’s Great Escape

Acts 12:1- 17

* Four things to remember during uncertainty:
1. God will grow our faith.

*After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.*

***Acts 12:4***

*In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.* ***1 Peter 1:6-7***

1. Prayer is not a matter of what but who.

*So, Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.****Acts 12:5***

*“Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”* ***Matthew 17:20***

1. Doubt comes with uncertainty.

*Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."* ***Acts 12:13-15***

 *On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.
 Because you are my help.* ***Psalm 63:6-7***

1. Trusting God for the results is the real act of faith.

*But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place.* ***Acts 12:16-17***

*The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.****Nahum 1:7***