

Herod the not so Great

Acts 12:1-24

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1. Christianity has never been popular

- The people were pleased to get rid of the believers
- This gave the authorities the freedom to persecute believers

2. Persecution has always been a real possibility

- 1 Peter 3:14, John 16:33, John 15:18
- Peter was put into maximum security and sentenced to death

3. Our greatest weapon is prayer

- Persecution motivates us to pray because only God has the power to save

4. God uses us in spite of our unbelief

- Even while God was answering prayer, nobody believed it
- Mark 9:24

5. Only God is great

- Proverbs 16:18
- Pride leads to downfall
- No matter what happens, God should get the glory

Sometimes Christians are disliked because we are dislikable. Sometimes we are disliked because we answer to a higher authority. We must keep our focus on God alone and allow Him to work.