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Charles Stanley's Life Principle #8

Fight all your battles on your knees and you win every time.

PRAYER FOCUS: _____

- Acts 12 1-9
- Acts 12:10-17
- Psalm 32:1-11

Burdened by Others (Acts 12:1-17)

This is an account of where the early church was under persecution for spreading the word about Jesus and His salvation. Who was king Herod and why was he so eager to harass the followers of Christ?

Who was killed during this time?

After Peter was seized, what does Acts 12:5 say about what the church was doing?

Peter was seized and imprisoned during the "Days of Unleavened Bread" so King Herod decided to wait to kill him until after the Passover. God, however, had another plan. What was God's plan? How did the church participate in Peter's miraculous release?

NOTE: Passover Correlation.

Burdened by Own Sin (Psalm 32:1-11)

This Psalm is the one that King David wrote after the prophet Nathan confronted him about his sin with Bathsheba. It is obvious that after being confronted he was swimming in a pool of regret and feeling very convicted of his sin. However, this psalm is a joyous praise for God's forgiveness. Who does David say is blessed in the first 2 verses of this Psalm?

What state of mind was David describing in verses 3 through 4?

When was it that David began to "come out" of this state of mind? (verse 5)

Verses 8 through 11, even though written by David, are a "response" from the Lord. What does God tell us He will do for us? What is our responsibility?

Sin blocks our fellowship with the Lord. It also keeps us from experiencing God's goodness. When you find yourself discouraged because you have repeated a certain sin, turn to God in prayer. Ask Him to apply His forgiveness to your life and receive His mercy. He loves you and wants to enjoy your fellowship once again.

(Charles F. Stanley Life Principles Bible, Page 64)