

Together in Prayer

Matt. 18:1-20, Acts 12:1-12 (Series: Overcoming Through Prayer)

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- 4) Time to find his clothes, get dressed, put on his sandals (v. 8a)
- 5) Seemed unreal (like a dream) to Peter (v. 9). But he
- 6) Walked past two sets of guards and then (v. 10a)
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(Acts 12:12b)

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