

# 2024 - Family Devo

## June 2 - a



### READ: Acts 11:27-30

**Main Idea:** We read here about a prophet named Agabus. Through him the Spirit is warning of hard times coming for Christians in Jerusalem and surrounding towns. The Christians in Antioch decide to collect money to send and help their brethren, each according to their ability.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** What does this remind you of in our church? We don't need a prophet to tell us that there are people in this world that need our help. That's why we help people in other countries. We help several different churches in Africa, Canada, and Belgium.

**Teen:** In what ways do you see Christian faith at work in these verses? In what ways do you see Christian love at work in these verses? How much did each one give?

**Adult:** In our day we hear about many good works. There are lots of ways we can help. Do you ever think that this is a detriment to doing the Lord's work? We are bombarded with opportunities which makes it hard to choose where to use our funds. How do you choose? Do you prioritize local over foreign, or supporting an individual preacher over physical assets? Do you give a little to everything? Do you think the proliferation of scams has made us more cautious with spending for the Lord? Do you do any special diligence to ensure the money is being well spent?

### PRAY

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### MEMORIZE

**Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)**  
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### READ: Acts 12:1-5

**Main Idea:** Herod becomes ruthless against the church, killing James and then arresting Peter but delaying his execution since a Jewish holiday had begun. While Peter is waiting, the church (Christians) gathers to pray.

### DISCUSS

**Children:** This is about God delivering Peter from prison. The believers were constantly praying for this seemingly impossible situation. While they are praying, a visitor shows up in his cell. The chains that once kept Peter securely bound to the soldiers fall off his wrists. What does this tell us? Nothing is too hard for God. We can trust Him even when life situations seem very bad.

**Teen:** The Christians know there is one thing they can do to help Peter. What is it? Why is it so powerful?

**Adult:** "I'll pray for you," or "you are in my prayers." These words are so easy to say. Do you find it hard to follow through on your promise? Maybe you do include those people in your prayers each time you say you will. How do you remember to do so? Do you keep a prayer list on your phone or on paper? Or maybe you find yourself a few days (or weeks) later thinking that you never included that person in your prayers. If you are not as consistent as you'd like to be in this area, what can you begin today to change that?

### PRAY

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