# Rhoda and the Door: Hearing Peter's Knock



Explore Rhoda's faith and courage in Acts as she hears Peter's miraculous knock, revealing lessons on faith, courage, and God's timing.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study: Rhoda and the Door: Hearing Peter's Knock. This study immerses us in a powerful story from the book of Acts that highlights faith, courage, and the unexpected ways God answers prayer. When Rhoda hears Peter knocking at the door after his miraculous escape from prison, her response teaches us valuable lessons about being attentive to God's voice and trusting His timing.

In our busy lives, it's easy to miss God's gentle knocks—moments when He invites us into new opportunities or answers our prayers in surprising ways. Rhoda's story encourages us to be alert and courageous, even when circumstances seem hopeless. Through her experience, we learn that faith isn't always about bold declarations but sometimes about quiet recognition and joyful response.

Each day of this study will guide you through scripture readings, reflections, and prayers centered on the theme of hearing God's voice and acting in faith. As we delve into the Scriptures, we'll discover how God's timing may differ from ours, yet His plan is always perfect.

Get ready to deepen your understanding of faith that listens, responds, and trusts. May this time of study open your heart to the ways God is knocking in your life today. Let's begin!









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#### Your Verse

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

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray continually."







#### Devotional: Prayer as Our Lifeline to God

**Prayer is the foundation** of the story surrounding Rhoda and Peter. While Peter was imprisoned, the early church was fervently praying for his release. Their earnest prayers were not just routine; they were filled with faith and expectation. This reminds us that no matter how dire the circumstances, prayer connects us directly to God's power and will.

Sometimes, when we pray, answers may seem delayed or unreachable. Yet, the faith expressed in persistent prayer is a testament to our trust in God's sovereignty. The early believers didn't lose hope but kept praying until God moved.

As we begin this study, consider your own prayer life. Are you praying courageously and continually? Like that first church, we too can hold tightly to God's promises and bring our needs before Him without ceasing.

Prayer is not only about asking but also about aligning our hearts with God's purposes, trusting that He hears and acts according to His perfect plan.







### Reflect and Apply

	How does the example of the early church's prayer encourage your own prayer life?
2.	Do you find it easy or challenging to pray persistently for a situation?
	In what ways can your prayer life become more intentional and trust-filled?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

Write about a time when prayer led to an unexpected answer in your life.
List specific things you feel God is inviting you to pray about persistently.
Reflect on the emotions you experience during waiting seasons in prayer.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the gift of prayer that connects us with You. Help me to pray with unwavering faith, trusting that You hear every word. Teach me patience and persistence as I wait on Your perfect timing. May my heart always turn to You in times of need and celebration. Strengthen my faith like the early church that prayed boldly and united. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏 🖘

















#### Your Verse

Acts 12:13-14 - "Meanwhile, Peter was knocking at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."
- Isaiah 30:21 "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"







#### Devotional: Hearing God's Knock with Joy

Rhoda's joy and recognition of Peter's voice at the door show how intimately she was tuned into God's work. This moment teaches us about the importance of discerning God's voice amidst life's noise.

Discerning God's voice requires spiritual sensitivity developed through regular time in scripture and prayer. Like sheep who recognize their shepherd's voice, we too are called to listen carefully, trusting God's guidance.

Rhoda's exuberance led her to run without opening the door—a beautiful reminder that joy often accompanies the initial recognition of God's intervention. This joy may cause us to share the good news even before fully comprehending it.

Today, examine how you detect God's voice in your daily life. Are you open and joyful when you sense His moving? The door may be opening—are you ready to answer?







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you currently discern God's voice in your life?
	What are some noises or distractions that might prevent you from hearing God clearly?
3.	How can joy affect your response when you recognize God's work?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a time you felt God clearly speaking or guiding you.
2.	Write about the noises or distractions that hinder your spiritual listening.
3.	Reflect on how joy and faith worked together in a recent spiritual experience.







#### **Prayer for Today**

Father, open my ears and heart to hear Your voice clearly. Help me to recognize Your gentle knock in everyday moments and respond with joy and faith. Train me to be sensitive to Your guidance and bold in sharing Your work. Thank You for Your patience and love as You lead me step by step. In Jesus' name, Amen. 💯 😂

















#### Your Verse

Acts 12:6 - "The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."
- Habakkuk 2:3 "For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false."







#### Devotional: Learning Patience in God's Plan

**Peter's imprisonment and the solemn setting remind us that God's timing often contrasts with human urgency.** Despite the guards and chains, Peter rested in faith, exemplifying trust amid uncertainty.

Waiting on God's timing can feel challenging, especially when situations seem dire. Yet scripture assures us there is a perfect time for every purpose. This invites us to release control and stress, trusting God's sovereign schedule.

God's timing is purposeful—whether in healing, deliverance, or answers to prayer. Like Peter, who was protected and ultimately freed at the right moment, we can hang onto hope and peace while waiting.

Today, practice patience by reflecting on areas where God is asking you to trust His timing instead of rushing ahead.







### Reflect and Apply

1.	What areas of your life are you struggling to trust God's timing?
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	How does Peter's calmness in prison inspire your faith during difficult waits?
3.	What truths about God's timing can encourage you today?







### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a time God's timing surprised or blessed you despite your impatience.
2.	List ways you can remind yourself to trust God when waiting for answers.
3.	Reflect on what waiting teaches you about God and yourself.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, teach me to trust Your perfect timing in every circumstance. When I feel anxious or impatient, remind me that You are in control and working all things for good. Help me to rest in Your promises and embrace peace while waiting. Thank You for never being late and always being faithful. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\Sigma$ 

















#### Your Verse

Acts 12:15 – "But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
- 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."







#### Devotional: Boldness to Knock Again

Peter's persistence in knocking, even when initially not welcomed, reflects bold faith. Although Rhoda's initial reaction was to run away, Peter continued knocking, confident in God's plan and timing for his freedom.

This teaches us that courage in faith often requires perseverance, even when our circumstances seem confusing or discouraging. Courage is not the absence of fear but faith that moves us forward despite it.

God empowers His followers to act with boldness. When we trust the Holy Spirit's guidance, fear loses its grip, and we move courageously into God's promises.

Consider today where God might be calling you to be courageous and persistent in your faith journey.







### Reflect and Apply

1.	When have you needed courage to persist in faith despite challenges?
2.	How does knowing God empowers you to be bold change your perspective on fear?
3.	In what ways can you practice spiritual boldness this week?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a moment when you stepped out in faith despite fear.
2.	List fears or discouragements that hold you back from being bold for God.
3.	Plan a step you can take this week to exercise courage in faith.







#### Prayer for Today

#### Heavenly Father, fill me with courage to keep knocking and trusting You.

Empower me through Your Spirit to be fearless and bold, confident that You are with me. Help me overcome discouragement and stand strong, acting in love and faith. Thank You for being my refuge and strength. In Jesus' name, Amen. 💪 💖 🖤

















#### Your Verse

Acts 12:12 - "When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
- Hebrews 10:25 "Let us not give up meeting together...but encouraging one another."







#### Devotional: Strength in Community Prayer

The believers gathered in Mary's home exemplify the power of united prayer and expectation. Their communal faith created a strong spiritual atmosphere, deeply impacting how God works among His people.

Unity in prayer is crucial; as believers come together, their faith multiplies and they encourage one another. This shared expectancy paves the way for God's miraculous intervention.

We are called to support each other, bearing one another's burdens and rejoicing in God's answers collectively. The story reminds us not to isolate ourselves but to embrace the church family as a source of strength and encouragement.

Today, reflect on your relationships within your faith community and how you can foster greater unity in prayer.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does praying with others affect your faith and expectation?
	Are there ways you can be more active in your faith community's prayer life?
3.	What blessings have you experienced when joining with others to pray?







Day 5: 🕰 Unity in Prayer and Expectation

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time corporate prayer impacted your life or a situation.
2.	List people in your community you can encourage to pray with you.
3.	Reflect on how you can contribute to greater unity in your church or group.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the gift of community and shared faith. Help me to engage deeply with others in prayer and encourage unity in our hearts. May our collective faith invite Your powerful presence and miracles. Unite us in love and purpose to glorify You. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙌 💝







## Day 6: Celebrating God's Deliverance









Day 6: Selebrating God's Deliverance

#### Your Verse

Acts 12:16-17 - "Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. But Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 118:24 "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
- 1 Chronicles 16:8 "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done."







Day 6: Selebrating God's Deliverance

#### Devotional: Rejoicing in God's Mighty Acts

The believers' astonishment and Peter's encouragement to be quiet highlight the importance of celebrating God's work in our lives. When God delivers us, rejoicing strengthens our faith and inspires others.

Celebration is not merely emotional but a spiritual practice that acknowledges God's presence and power. Sharing testimonies of deliverance encourages the community and confirms God's faithfulness.

Today, take time to thank God and celebrate His mighty acts in your life, big or small. Let gratitude fill your heart and flow through your words and actions.







Day 6: 🕭 Celebrating God's Deliverance

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you celebrate God's deliverance in your life?
2.	What impact can sharing your testimony have on others?
3.	In what ways can you cultivate a heart of gratitude daily?







Day 6: 🏂 Celebrating God's Deliverance

### **Journaling Prompts**

Write about a recent experience where God delivered or answered you.
List ways to express your gratitude to God and your community.
Reflect on how celebration affects your relationship with God.







Day 6: Selebrating God's Deliverance

#### Prayer for Today

Father, I praise You for Your mighty acts of deliverance in my life. Help me to rejoice in Your goodness and testify boldly of Your power. May my heart overflow with gratitude and my life reflect Your glory. Thank You for being my Savior and King. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🏂 🙏 🐒









## Day 7: V Living Wisely in Faith









Day 7: V Living Wisely in Faith

#### Your Verse

Acts 12:18-19 - "In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. But Herod had him transferred to a more secure prison."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."
- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."







Day 7: V Living Wisely in Faith

#### Devotional: Faith That Guides Daily Choices

The chaos among the guards after Peter's escape reminds us that living by faith involves wisdom and discernment. Even in conflict and confusion, believers are called to rely on God's wisdom.

Faithful living means making choices guided by trust in God rather than fears or circumstances. Like Peter, who faced renewed danger yet walked forward securely, we can navigate life's uncertainties through God's wisdom.

Ask God daily for insight and courage to live faithfully, reflecting His light in your thoughts, actions, and decisions.

As this study concludes, embrace the journey of hearing God's knock, responding in faith, and walking wisely.







Day 7: 🖓 Living Wisely in Faith

### Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you seek God's wisdom in daily decisions?
2.	What role does faith play when circumstances seem confusing or scary?
3.	In what areas of life do you need greater courage and trust in God?







Day 7: 🖓 Living Wisely in Faith

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a decision you made by trusting God's guidance.
2.	List questions or concerns you want to bring to God for wisdom.
3.	Reflect on steps to grow in faith and wisdom this week.







Day 7: Q Living Wisely in Faith

#### Prayer for Today

Dear God, grant me wisdom and guidance as I seek to live by faith. Help me to trust You fully and not lean on my own understanding. Teach me to hear Your voice clearly and walk boldly in Your path. Thank You for Your constant presence and care. In Jesus' name, Amen. 1







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