

8. Have you ever been in such a rock and hard place and you know you were delivered because of divine intervention? What was it?

9. Read Acts 12:5, 12-17. What do you think they were expecting in the prayer meeting? Have you been a part of an astonishing prayer meeting with a great outcome? What happened? When you pray do you have high expectations or very little expectations? Why? Do you expect to hear God? What are you expecting from God right now? Do your actions and attitude give evidence of your faith?

10. What is your community group doing to help people who are in a rock and a hard spot? What are you doing?

Between A Rock And A Hard Spot?

- I. Consider it all **joy** when we are between a rock and a hard spot.
(James 1:2)

- II. Rocks and hard spots **squeeze** out what is really in us.
(James 1:3; Romans 8:28)

- III. **Herod** found himself between a rock and a hard spot.
(Acts 12:1-3, 18-24)

- IV. **Peter** found himself between a rock and a hard spot.
(Acts 12:3-17; Ephesians 3:20)

- V. All of us are **born** between a rock and a hard spot.
(Romans 3:23, 6:23a)

- VI. All of us have the **opportunity** to escape from this rock and a hard spot.
(Romans 5:8, 5:1, 6:23b)

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of April 4, 2010

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Read James 1:2. What is your initial reaction when you read this verse? What is your typical response to trials?

2. The word "consider" is a financial term that means to evaluate the situation from God's view. For the Christian a problem is a question waiting for an answer. How did you respond to your last trial? That was your answer to God.

3. Read Romans 8:28. Problems are the fertile soil for growth. What did you learn from your last trial? That was your answer to God. What did you find out was in you?

4. Read I Peter 5:7-10. What is it that you are not allowing God to carry? How is it working for you not trusting God? Are you self controlled as Peter commanded? Are you strong in between your rock and a hard spot?

5. Read Ephesians 3:20. Do you believe God is able to deliver you? Can you give an example when God did more than you could imagine to deliver you from a problem?

6. Read Acts 12:1-3, 18-24. What was Herod's rock and hard spot? Do you know anyone who is destroying their life from Herod's disease? Do you wrestle with Herod disease?

7. Read Acts 12:4, 6-11. If you were in Peter's situation how would you have felt? What would be running through your mind? Would you have been able to sleep like Peter? Why do you think he was able to sleep?