



## Close to Home!

Date: January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Text: Acts 12:1-10

**Passage Summary:** While to varying degrees the church throughout the ages has enjoyed seasons of favor and prosperity, there will also be times when the reality of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ hit close to home!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that when the reality of sin and evil hit close to home, more than ever we need to hit our \_\_\_\_\_ with a steadfast commitment to \_\_\_\_\_! (12:1-10)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to a steadfast commitment to prayer...

- The darker the hour, the greater the opportunity for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to be \_\_\_\_\_! (v.1-5)

**Remember:** When it comes to prayer, it is always too soon to quit, for while \_\_\_\_\_ can be great, \_\_\_\_\_ is greater still!

- God is rarely \_\_\_\_\_, but He is never \_\_\_\_\_! (v.6)

**Remember:** When it comes to prayer, God does some of His greatest work in the \_\_\_\_\_ hour, so don't stop praying in the 10<sup>th</sup>; instead, come to a place of rest as you quietly resolve to believe in your heart, "God's \_\_\_\_\_ this!"

- When God's \_\_\_\_\_ comes, it often unfolds \_\_\_\_\_! (v.7-9)

**Remember:** When it comes to prayer, if we are \_\_\_\_\_ up, we are much more prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ up and obey God when the answer to those prayers begin to come!

- God can \_\_\_\_\_ doors that would otherwise remain \_\_\_\_\_! (v.10)

**Remember:** When it comes to prayer, \_\_\_\_\_ ends become \_\_\_\_\_ when we not only face the facts, but factor with God!

- We learn to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God! (v.1-10)

**Remember:** When it comes to prayer, we come to realize that God has a different \_\_\_\_\_ for each of our lives, a thought that in turn should cause to want to make every day \_\_\_\_\_ like it's the last!

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine that when the reality of sin and evil hit close to home in your life, that you will allow them to be \_\_\_\_\_ that you are one step closer to your true \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven, a home and a hope that no trial or tragedy could ever take away!