

## WAY OF ESCAPE

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1 Cor. 10:13            God is faithful  
                          not tempted above what you are able  
                          will make a WAY OF ESCAPE  
                          that you may be able to bear it

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### 1. ESCAPE THROUGH DRAMATIC MIRACLE

Gen. 7:23                Noah and those with him in the ark  
Exod. 14:21-28         Moses and the children of Israel  
2 Kings 6:16            "fear not: for they that be with us are more  
                          than they that be with them"  
                          17        God opened the eyes of the young man  
                          18        God smote the people with blindness  
2 Kings 20:1-6         Hezekiah -- 15 additional years  
Dan. 3:19-26            Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego -- fiery furnace  
Dan. 6:16-23            Daniel -- lion's den  
Acts 5:17-18            the council put the apostles into prison  
                          19        an angel opened the prison doors  
Acts 12:4                Herod put Peter into prison  
                          5        the church prayed  
                          7-11     an angel -- chains fell off & iron gate opened  
Acts 16:23              Paul and Silas beaten & put into prison  
                          24        their feet were put in the stocks  
                          25        Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God  
                          26        earthquake -- doors opened and bands loosed  
Acts 20:9-12            Eutychus -- healed

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### 2. ESCAPE THROUGH DEATH

Isaiah 57:1             righteous people die -- the righteous are  
                          taken away from the evil to come --  
                          blessing from God  
John 18:36              Christ was martyred  
Acts 7:54-60            Stephen was stoned  
Rev. 6:9-11             some -- slain for the word of God  
Phil. 1:21                to live is Christ and to die is gain  
                          23        having a desire to depart and to be with Christ --  
                          which is far better  
                          24        to stay alive -- more needful for you  
2 Tim. 4:6-7            knew his death was near -- continued obeying  
                          8        awaiting a crown of righteousness -- Paul and all  
                          who love Christ's appearing

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3. ESCAPE THROUGH HIDING

1 Kings 17:1-4      Elijah was told to hide by the brook  
John 8:59            when the people sought to stone Christ, he hid  
                         himself -- "going through the midst of  
                         them and so passed by"  
John 10:39-40      when they again sought to take him, he escaped  
                         out of their hand -- "went away again  
                         beyond Jordan"  
John 12:36          after speaking to the people, Jesus departed and  
                         hid himself from them  
Acts 9:23-25        Paul -- lowered down by the wall in a basket  
Rev. 12:14          into her place -- to be nourished

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4. ESCAPE THROUGH LEAVING

1 Cor. 7:12-15      a time to leave a marriage  
1 Cor. 7:21          a time to leave slavery (also, a time to  
leave                    employment)  
Matt. 2:12-15      Joseph & family temporarily left their country  
Acts 15:36-40      Paul and Barnabas temporarily preached the  
word                    of the Lord separately

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5. ESCAPE THROUGH COPING

Dan. 3:17            realizing that God is able to deliver  
Heb. 5:7            unto Him that was able to save him from death  
                         8                    learned obedience -- things which He suffered  
Luke 22:39-44      Christ prayed to His Father  
                         44                  agony -- prayed more earnestly  
John 18:36          recognized the power of God  
                         37                  knew His purpose -- "to this end was I born and for  
                         this cause came into the world"  
1 Pet. 2:19-20      suffering wrongfully -- acceptable with God  
1 Pet. 3:14-17      suffering for well doing > for evil doing  
1 Pet. 4:13-16      suffering as a Christian  
2 Tim. 1:16-17      chains -- Rome  
2 Cor. 1:10          God has delivered -- God does deliver -- and  
                         we trust that God will yet deliver us  
2 Cor. 4:7-9        power of God in earthen vessels  
2 Cor. 11:23-27    notice what Paul experienced  
2 Cor. 12:9        Christ -- "My grace is sufficient for you:  
                         for my strength is made perfect in  
                         weakness."  
Paul -- "most gladly therefore will I rather  
glory in my infirmities, that the power

Phil. 4:12-13

of Christ may rest upon me"  
abased & abound -- "I can do all things  
through Christ which strengthens me"