



# **Peter Escapes from Prison**

**Acts 12:5-16**

**"Now to increase the teleport security measures," he mumbled to himself. "We can't have any more people sneaking on board Skylab Omega like Yago did last week!" Commander Cosmos studied the teleport status information, clicked the icon for the locking device, and typed in the new access codes. "Okay, that ought to do it. Time to take it for a test drive." He stepped into the teleport tube. "Computer, initiate teleport testing sequence."**

**"Initiating teleport testing sequence in 3-2-1," the computer voice announced. A clear plastic door slid down over the front of the tube as lights flashed. He heard the suction sound as the computer sealed the door from the outside—a feature that would keep any intruders tightly inside the teleport. "Excellent, everything is working! This is locked down tight. Computer, release door lock."**

**"Please enter the new access code," the computer instructed.**

**Commander Cosmos stared at the screen. "What? What are you talking about?"**

**"Please enter the new access code," the computer instructed again.**

**"Computer, I can't! I left the remote control outside the teleport! Can you open the door for me?" Cosmos said, the panic rising in his voice.**

**"I'm sorry, Commander. According to the newly instated security measures, the locking device requires a numeric access code," the computer said.**

**Commander Cosmos froze. "Oh no, I'm locked in! What am I going to do?" He held up his communicator and yelled, "Help! Somebody help! Mayday! Mayday in the teleport!"**

**Moments later, Dr. Sominex walked through the door. "Doctor Sominex! It's me! Commander Cosmos, Space Ranger!" Cosmos yelled, while banging on the door.**

**Dr. Sominex waved. "Oh, hello Commander!"**

**"Let me out. I locked the door! I locked the door!" Commander Cosmos tried to shake the door, but it would not budge.**

**Dr. Sominex stepped closer. "What's that, Commander? I can't hear you. Somebody locked the door."**

**"I know! I locked it!" Cosmos yelled. "Go to the teleport control panel and—"**

**"Good idea. It's time to pray to the Lord, our ship's controller, to unlock the door and rescue you." Dr. Sominex began to pray. Immediately, her head dropped and she let out a loud snore.**

**"Dr. Sominex!!!" Commander Cosmos banged on the door. "Wake up!"**

**Dr. Sominex jumped up and yelled, "Gravitation is a natural phenomenon by which objects with mass attract one another. That's science!"**

**"I know," Commander Cosmos said. "Can you put in the code? It's 1-9-9-9."**

**"Nine! What a coincidence! That's my bedtime. 1-9-9—" Dr. Sominex fell asleep again.**

**"Doctor Sominex! Doctor Sominex! Wake up!" Cosmos shook his head. "Oh no! It's hopeless."**

**The computer screen lit up and the voice announced, "Incoming message. Incoming message."**

**An officer came into view on the screen. "Come in, Skylab Omega, Admiral Angel here. We've received an intercessory space distress signal from a Dr. Sominex in your quadrant. Is everything okay?"**

**"Admiral Angel!" Commander Cosmos sighed in relief. "Praise God! The computer refuses to let me out of the teleport without a code."**

**Admiral Angel looked down and pushed a button. "Let me try the intercessor override."**

**Commander Cosmos wiped the sweat from his forehead as the suction lock released and the door slid up. He saluted and said, "It worked! Thank you, Admiral! I'd be lost in space without you."**

**The Admiral returned the salute. "That's what we're here for. Thanks for the signal, Sominex. Over and out!"**

**"It's always good to have an angel rescue you," Commander Cosmos said, as he stepped out of the teleport. "Hey, that reminds me of a story! Let me get the Bible out!" He opened the Bible Box and picked up the Bible.**

**Dr. Sominex jolted upright. "Gravitation accelerates all objects at the same rate!" She stared at Commander Cosmos. "You're free! Did I rescue you?"**

**"It seems that before you fell asleep, you prayed for me," Commander Cosmos explained. "Then, Admiral Angel set me free."**

**Dr. Sominex sighed. "You were touched by an angel!"**

**"Well, the Bible has lots of stories of the Lord sending angels to answer the prayers of His people, like He did when Peter was in prison," said the commander.**

**Dr. Sominex sat on the seat behind the control panel. "Peter went to prison?"**

**"Yes. King Herod had Peter arrested for sharing the good news about Jesus," Cosmos said.**

**"They put him in prison just for telling people about Jesus?" Dr. Sominex said amazed.**

**"Yes! In fact, Peter was guarded by four squads of four soldiers each and chained between two of them!" Cosmos said dramatically.**

**"He was chained up and surrounded by soldiers?" Dr. Sominex shook her head. "There's no way anyone could escape that!"**

**"Ah, but there was something King Herod didn't count on. Look what the Virtual Bible says." Commander Cosmos tapped a few keys and the computer displayed Acts 12. He read, "So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him."**

**"They all came together to pray for Peter? That must have been a powerful prayer. What did God do?" Dr. Sominex asked.**

**"He sent an angel!" Cosmos answered.**

**"Well, I hope the angel brought a hacksaw," Dr. Sominex joked.**

**"He didn't need one," Commander Cosmos replied. "The chains just fell off of Peter's wrists. They walked right past the guards and when they came to the iron city gate, it opened up."**

**"Wow! It opened by itself!" Dr. Sominex exclaimed. "Then what happened?!"**

**"Once Peter was free, the angel left. Peter went to the house where his friends had gathered to pray for him and he knocked on the door," Cosmos continued.**

**"I bet they were excited to see him!"**

**"They didn't believe it was him!" Commander Cosmos laughed. "They thought there was no way he could escape from all of those guards and gates and chains."**

**"But, they were the ones who were praying for Peter. Didn't they know the Lord can answer any prayer—no matter how impossible it seems to us?" Dr. Sominex asked.**

**"I guess they learned about the power of prayer that night," Commander Cosmos paused. Then, he added thoughtfully, "I learned God can still send angels to rescue us today."**

**"Even if it is Admiral Angel!" Dr. Sominex agreed, with a laugh. "The Lord always hears our prayers, because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever!"**

**Commander Cosmos smiled his agreement. He was thankful for friends who wanted to pray for him and for God who sent Admiral Angel to rescue him.**