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LOVING



GROWING



SENDING

Acts 12



Learning from the past

- Matthew 2 = Herod the Great
- Acts 12 = Herod Agrippa I (grandson)
- Acts 25-26 = Herod Agrippa II (great grandson)

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Learning from the past

- Herod the Great (Matt. 2) & Pharaoh...
 - ↳ approached with opportunity to obey & follow
 - ↳ troubled & inquire after plan details
 - ↳ exodus (Joseph, Mary & Jesus; Israel)
 - ↳ exodus takes place at night
 - ↳ Matthew 2:15
 - ↳ male babies under age 2 are killed

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Learning from the past

- Herod Agrippa I (Acts 12) & Pharaoh...
 - ↳ oppression of God's people
 - ↳ greatest persecution leads up to Passover
 - ↳ God's people entreat him for help
 - ↳ God provides deliverance in the night
 - ↳ appearance of divine light accompanies freedom
 - ↳ after freedom, ruler upset & tries retrieval
 - ↳ struck down by God

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Learning from the past

- God is sovereign – King of/over kings
- encouragement to the church

The victory Jesus won has begun an exodus that cannot be stopped or altered.

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Learning from the past

Jesus' deliverance is our deliverance.

The church lives in obedience to God,
not under the influence of the world.

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Learning from the past

- *peer pressure* – social media
- *overcommitting* – eager to look good
- *2nd guessing* – measuring up to others
- *easily embarrassed* – opinions matter greatly
- *jealousy* – included with others
- *evangelism* – afraid to speak

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Learning from the past

Our problem is that we need people
more than we love them.

(Ed Welch)

Learn to love people more than you
need them.

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Learning from the past

- *peer pressure* – serve other peers
- *overcommitting* – say no when difficult
- *2nd guessing* – seek trustworthy people
- *easily embarrassed* – laugh at yourself
- *jealousy* – serve those who have nothing you desire
- *evangelism* – fear the Lord

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