

THE CHURCH ON MISSION PART 7

UNSTOPPABLE



Hey church family!

We are excited to share this devotional booklet designed to align with our sermon series, *Unstoppable: The Mission of the Church*. Throughout the book of Acts, we see the power of the gospel on display as ordinary people are transformed and sent out with extraordinary purpose. This journey invites us to slow down and reflect on how God continues His mission through His Church—and through us today.

This booklet includes five daily devotionals each week, guiding us through key moments in Acts and highlighting the birth and growth of the early Church. From bold preaching to sacrificial community and unwavering faith, we see what it means to live on mission. By walking through these readings together, we create a shared experience centered on the gospel and the calling to carry Christ's hope into our world.

Each devotional includes a scripture reading and a memory verse to encourage daily time in God's Word. To guide your study, we will use the H.E.A.R. method—Highlight, Explain, Apply, and Respond. This approach, explained on the next page, is designed to help you reflect on and internalize Scripture.

As you move through each week, take your time. The New Testament Church is the model we, as believers, are called to emulate. This is a great time to reflect on the mission each believer has accepted through their relationship with Christ.

Our hope is that this devotional deepens your faith and unites us as a church family. As we focus on the same mission, may we grow together in our love for Jesus.

The H.E.A.R. Method is a great tool to study and explore God's Word. Explained below, you can use this method as a guide to your daily Bible reading each day.



H E A R

Highlight - As you read through each daily passage, several verses and words will stand out to you. Highlight them and consider writing them out. You can even give them a title that holds meaning for you.

Explain. Explain what the text means. Why was it written? To whom was it originally written? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? What does the Holy Spirit intend to communicate in this text?

Apply. Write 2 to 5 sentences about how the text applies to your life. This bridges the gap between the ancient text and your modern life. Ask questions such as: How can this help me? What do these verses mean to us today? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What is God saying to me?

Respond. Respond to the passage you have read. Your response may take different forms and change from day to day, based on your reading. It may be a prayer, either for your life or on behalf of someone else. You may write down a specific action step you need to take. You might describe how the passage convicts you to change. Keep in mind that your response to scripture is about you and you alone, not other people or society at large.

THE PROMISE BEFORE THE MISSION

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-5; Luke 24:44-49

Scripture Memory: Acts 1:8

Jesus' final moments with His disciples were not rushed or random. He intentionally reminded them of everything Scripture had promised and then pointed them forward to what was coming next—the Holy Spirit. Before they were sent out, they were told to wait. That waiting wasn't passive; it was preparation. God was about to do something through them that they could not accomplish on their own strength.

We often want to move quickly into action, solving problems and stepping into responsibility. But Jesus shows us that effectiveness in God's mission begins with dependence on God's power. The disciples had walked with Jesus, seen miracles, and heard truth firsthand—yet even they needed the Spirit. If they needed to wait, how much more should we lean into God before we act?

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Where in your life are you tempted to act before waiting on God?
- How can you intentionally depend on the Holy Spirit today?

FOCUSED ON THE RIGHT KINGDOM

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-11; Matthew 6:9-10

Scripture Memory: Acts 1:8

The disciples were still thinking in terms of earthly kingdoms. They asked Jesus if He was restoring Israel politically, but Jesus redirected them to something greater—the global mission of God. He didn't dismiss their question harshly; He simply shifted their focus from timing to purpose, from speculation to calling.

It's easy to get distracted by what God isn't revealing instead of being faithful to what He has made clear. Jesus didn't call His followers to figure everything out; He called them to be witnesses. Their responsibility wasn't control—it was obedience. The same is true for us. When we center our lives on His mission rather than our assumptions, we step into something far more meaningful than our own plans.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What "kingdom" concerns tend to distract you from God's mission?
- How can you shift your focus toward being a witness this week?

EMPOWERED TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY

Scripture Reading: Gal 5:16-25; Romans 8:8-11

Scripture Memory: Acts 1:8

The power Jesus promised in Acts 1:8 wasn't just for bold moments—it was for daily living. The Holy Spirit transforms how we think, respond, and love. Paul describes this as walking by the Spirit, producing fruit that reflects Christ's character. This isn't behavior modification; it's Spirit-led transformation.

Many believers try to live the Christian life through willpower alone, only to feel frustrated and defeated. But the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us. That means we are not powerless against sin, fear, or inconsistency. The Spirit enables us to become who God has already declared us to be. Victory is not found in trying harder, but in surrendering deeper.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Which area of your life needs the Spirit's transforming power right now?
- What does it look like for you to "walk by the Spirit" today?

WITNESSING THROUGH EVERYDAY FAITHFULNESS

Scripture Reading: Matt 5:13-16; Colossians 3:12-17

Scripture Memory: Acts 1:8

Being a witness isn't limited to sharing your testimony verbally—it includes how you live. Jesus described His followers as salt and light, meaning our presence should influence the world around us. Our attitudes, words, and actions all reflect the reality of Christ within us.

Sometimes we overcomplicate what it means to live on mission. Faithfulness in everyday moments—kindness, patience, integrity—speaks louder than we realize. When our lives align with the gospel, people notice. The Holy Spirit works through both our words and our character to draw others toward Jesus. You don't need a platform to make an impact; you need obedience where you are.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How is your daily life reflecting Christ to others?
- What is one simple way you can be "salt and light" today?

THE MISSION TODAY

Scripture Reading: Matt 28:18–20; 2 Cor 5:17–20

Scripture Memory: Acts 1:8

The mission Jesus gave in Acts 1 didn't end with the early church—it continues through us. Every believer is called to be an ambassador for Christ, carrying the message of reconciliation to the world. This is not just for pastors or missionaries; it is the calling of every follower of Jesus.

Sometimes we feel unqualified or unsure of what to say, but God doesn't ask for perfection—He asks for availability. He equips those He sends. As we step out in faith, trusting the Spirit, we participate in something eternal. There is no greater purpose than joining God in His work of bringing people back to Himself.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Who in your life needs to hear the message of Jesus?
- What step of obedience is God asking you to take in His mission?

THE PROMISE FULFILLED

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-8

Scripture Memory: Acts 2:42

When the day of Pentecost arrived, everything changed. The followers of Jesus were gathered, waiting just as He had instructed. Suddenly, the Spirit of God filled the room—and their lives. What once was fear and uncertainty was replaced with boldness and clarity. They began to speak, and people from different nations heard the gospel in their own language. This was not just a moment of excitement—it was the fulfillment of a promise.

God often calls us to wait before He calls us to move. The disciples didn't rush ahead; they trusted His timing. When the Spirit came, it empowered them to do what they could never do on their own. The same Spirit lives in every believer today. We don't have to manufacture boldness or strength—it comes from Him. The question is not whether we have access to His power, but whether we are willing to depend on it.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Where in your life do you need to stop striving and start depending on the Holy Spirit?
- How can you be more attentive to God's timing rather than rushing ahead?

A BOLD PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:14-24, 36-41

Scripture Memory: Acts 2:42

Peter, once known for fear and denial, now stood boldly before the crowd. Filled with the Spirit, he proclaimed the truth about Jesus with clarity and conviction. His message cut to the heart of those listening, leading many to repentance and faith. That day, thousands were added to the church. This is what happens when the gospel is proclaimed with Spirit-filled boldness.

The transformation in Peter reminds us that God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary purposes. It wasn't Peter's personality or skill that changed lives—it was the power of the Spirit working through him. When we step out in obedience, God works beyond what we can see. We may feel unqualified or unsure, but God delights in using surrendered people. Our role is simple: be faithful to speak, and trust Him with the results.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What fears are holding you back from sharing your faith with others?
- Who is one person God may be prompting you to speak to this week?

A DEVOTED COMMUNITY

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Scripture Memory: Acts 2:42

After Pentecost, the early believers didn't just gather—they devoted themselves. They prioritized teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. Their lives were marked by unity, generosity, and a shared sense of purpose. The result was powerful: people were drawn to what God was doing, and lives continued to be changed daily.

The church was never meant to be a place we attend—it's a community we belong to. Growth happens when we commit, not just consume. These believers understood that spiritual maturity and mission go hand in hand. When we truly invest in community, we experience both encouragement and accountability. God uses the church to shape us and to reach others. A devoted community becomes a powerful witness to the world.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- In what ways are you actively devoted to your church community?
- How can you move from simply attending to truly engaging?

POWER IN WEAKNESS

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

Scripture Memory: Acts 2:42

Paul speaks openly about his weakness, describing a “thorn in the flesh” that God chose not to remove. Instead of delivering him from it, God provided something greater—His grace. Paul learned that God’s power is made perfect not in strength, but in weakness. What seemed like a limitation became a platform for God’s glory.

We often ask God to remove our struggles, but sometimes He wants to use them. Our weaknesses remind us of our need for Him. They keep us dependent, humble, and grounded in His grace. When we stop trying to appear strong and instead lean into God’s strength, we experience His power in a deeper way. God doesn’t need our perfection—He works through our surrender.

- What is one thing that you saw in today’s passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What weakness in your life might God be using to draw you closer to Him?
- How can you rely on God’s strength instead of your own today?

WITNESSES WHO MULTIPLY

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-7

Scripture Memory: Acts 2:42

Paul's words to Timothy reveal the long-term vision of the early church: multiplication. The gospel was never meant to stop with one generation. Instead, faithful believers were to entrust the message to others who would continue the work. This is how the movement that began in Acts spread across cities, nations, and generations. Ordinary people, empowered by the Spirit, faithfully passed on what they had received.

The mission of God continues the same way today. We are not just called to believe the gospel—we are called to invest it into others. Discipleship is intentional. It requires time, relationship, and commitment. Whether it's a new believer, a coworker, or even your own family, God has placed people in your life to influence. When we pour into others, we become part of something bigger than ourselves—a legacy of faith that outlives us and advances God's kingdom.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Who is someone God has placed in your life that you can intentionally disciple or encourage?
- What is one step you can take this week to invest spiritually in someone else?

A MOMENT THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

Scripture Reading: Acts 3:1-10

Scripture Memory: Acts 4:12

Peter and John weren't planning a miracle—they were simply walking in obedience. On their way to prayer, they encountered a man who had been lame his entire life. His expectation was small: a few coins to get through the day. But God had something far greater in store. In a moment, through the name of Jesus, his life was completely transformed.

How often do we approach God with limited expectations? We ask for temporary relief when He desires total restoration. This passage reminds us that Jesus doesn't just improve situations—He transforms lives. When we walk in step with the Spirit, we become part of those divine moments where eternity breaks into the everyday.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Where might you be settling for less than what God wants to do in your life?
- How can you stay sensitive to opportunities for God to work through you daily?

TURING ATTENTION TO JESUS

Scripture Reading: Acts 3:11-26

Scripture Memory: Acts 2:42

After the miracle, the crowd gathered in amazement, naturally turning their attention to Peter and John. But instead of taking credit, Peter redirected their focus to Jesus. He made it clear: the power wasn't in them—it was in Christ. The miracle was not the message; it pointed to the Savior.

It's easy to let attention stick to us when God works through us. But faithful disciples understand their role is to point people beyond themselves. Every answered prayer, every victory, every blessing is an opportunity to highlight Jesus. Like Peter, we are called to speak boldly, not about ourselves, but about the One who saves and restores.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- When God works in your life, do you naturally point others to Him?
- What would it look like to speak more boldly about Jesus this week?

BOLDNESS UNDER PRESSURE

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:1-12

Scripture Memory: Acts 2:42

The same miracle that brought joy to many also brought opposition. Peter and John were arrested for preaching about Jesus. Yet standing before religious leaders, they didn't shrink back. Instead, filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter boldly proclaimed that salvation is found in Jesus alone.

Courage like this doesn't come from personality—it comes from being filled with the Spirit. When our faith is tested, what comes out reveals what we're relying on. These men had been with Jesus, and it showed. Their confidence wasn't in themselves, but in the truth of the gospel. That same Spirit empowers us today.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What situations challenge your boldness in sharing your faith?
- How can you rely more on the Holy Spirit instead of your own strength?

UNSHAKEN FAITH

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:13-22

Scripture Memory: Acts 2:42

The leaders were astonished—not just by the miracle, but by the boldness of ordinary men. They recognized that Peter and John had been with Jesus. Even threats couldn't silence them. Their response was simple and powerful: they could not stop speaking about what they had seen and heard.

There is a deep steadiness that comes from walking closely with Christ. When our lives are anchored in Him, external pressure loses its power. The world may push back, but a transformed heart cannot stay silent. Authentic faith overflows, regardless of the cost.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Would others recognize that you have been with Jesus by how you live?
- What fears might be holding you back from living out your faith openly?

LIVING WITH UNSTOPPABLE PURPOSE

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:16-17

Scripture Memory: Acts 2:42

The story in Acts didn't end with Peter and John—it continues through every believer. Jesus gave His followers a clear mission: go and make disciples. Paul later declared he was unashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for salvation. This same mission and message now belong to us.

When we truly grasp the power of the gospel, it reshapes how we live. We are not passive observers—we are active participants in God's redemptive plan. The same name that healed the lame man and emboldened the early church is still at work today. Our lives are meant to reflect that unstoppable purpose.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How are you currently living out the mission Jesus gave His followers?
- What step can you take this week to share the gospel with someone intentionally?

A WARNING ABOUT THE HEART

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:1-11

Scripture Memory: Acts 5:29

The story of Ananias and Sapphira is sobering, not because of the amount they gave, but because of the condition of their hearts. They desired the appearance of generosity without the reality of surrender. Their sin wasn't withholding—it was deception before God. This moment reminds us that God is not impressed by outward performance when inward integrity is lacking. The early church was marked by authenticity, and God fiercely protected that foundation.

Even today, it's easy to drift into spiritual performance—saying the right things, doing the right actions, while quietly holding back areas of our lives from God. But the Lord desires truth in the inner being. He calls us to be fully surrendered, not partially polished. Obedience begins in the unseen places of the heart before it ever shows up in public faithfulness.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Are there areas of your life where you are tempted to appear surrendered rather than truly be surrendered?
- What would full honesty before God look like for you today?

STANDING STRONG

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:12-42

Scripture Memory: Acts 5:29

The apostles lived with a boldness that couldn't be silenced. Even after being arrested, threatened, and beaten, they continued preaching the name of Jesus. Their courage wasn't rooted in personality or circumstance—it was anchored in conviction. They knew who they belonged to, and no earthly authority could override their obedience to God. Their response in Acts 5:29 becomes a defining declaration for every believer.

What stands out even more is their joy in suffering. They didn't just endure hardship—they rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer for Christ. That kind of perspective only comes when our identity is fully rooted in Him. When we fear God more than man, we walk in freedom, not intimidation. Bold faith is not loud—it's loyal, no matter the cost.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What pressures are currently challenging your obedience to God?
- How can you grow in courage to stand firm in your faith this week?

WHEN OBEDIENCE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

Scripture Reading: Joshua 6:1-20

Scripture Memory: Acts 5:29

God's instructions to Joshua didn't follow human logic. Marching around a fortified city for seven days, silently circling walls instead of attacking them, must have seemed strange—even ineffective. Yet Joshua and the people obeyed exactly as God commanded. Their obedience wasn't based on understanding—it was based on trust. And in the end, what looked foolish became the very means of victory.

There are moments in our walk with God when His direction won't fully make sense. He may call us to step out, wait longer, forgive someone, or move in a direction that feels uncertain. Like the apostles in Acts 5, obedience isn't about convenience or clarity—it's about surrender. When we trust God's voice over our own reasoning, we position ourselves to see Him move in ways we never could have orchestrated.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Has God ever asked you to do something that didn't make sense at the time?
- What step of obedience might require you to trust God beyond your understanding right now?

OBEDIENCE OVER POPULARITY

Scripture Reading: Galatians 1:10-24

Scripture Memory: Acts 5:29

Paul makes a strong statement in this passage—he is not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. His life had been radically transformed by Christ, and that transformation shifted his priorities completely. The same man who once sought status, influence, and religious approval now lived with a singular focus: obedience to Jesus. He understood that you cannot faithfully serve Christ while being driven by the opinions of others.

This tension is something we all face. There is a constant pull to be liked, accepted, and affirmed. But obedience to God will often lead us in directions that others don't understand or even support. Like the apostles in Acts 5, we are called to choose faithfulness over popularity. When our identity is rooted in Christ, we are freed from the need for human approval. Living for an audience of One gives us clarity, courage, and conviction to walk in obedience no matter the cost.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- In what areas of your life are you most tempted to seek the approval of others?

OBEDIENCE THAT MOVES FORWARD

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:57-61; James 1:22-25
Scripture Memory: Acts 5:29

Jesus made it clear that following Him requires wholehearted commitment. There is no room for divided loyalty or delayed obedience. The individuals in Luke 9 had good intentions, but they hesitated when obedience became inconvenient. Jesus wasn't being harsh—He was revealing that true discipleship requires full surrender.

James reinforces this by reminding us that hearing God's Word is not enough—we must act on it. Obedience is where transformation happens. When we consistently choose to follow through on what God says, our lives begin to reflect Him more clearly. Delayed obedience often becomes disobedience, but immediate obedience leads to growth, clarity, and purpose.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Is there something God has asked you to do that you've been delaying?
- What is one step of immediate obedience you can take today?

JOCHEBED – A COURAGEOUS SURRENDER

Scripture Reading: Exodus 2:1-10

Scripture Memory: Proverbs 31:28-29

Jochebed's story is one of quiet bravery in the face of overwhelming fear. As a mother under a cruel decree, she chose faith over fear by hiding her son and eventually placing him into God's hands. Letting go was not an act of abandonment—it was an act of deep trust. She did everything she could, and then entrusted the rest to the Lord.

There are seasons in motherhood—and life—where control slips through our fingers. Jochebed reminds us that faith often looks like releasing what we love most into God's care. Her courage shaped a deliverer, but it started with surrender. God honors the mother who trusts Him with what she cannot control.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What is something you need to entrust fully into God's hands today?
- How can surrender be an act of faith in your current season?

HANNAH – A PRAYING MOTHER

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 1:9-20

Scripture Memory: Proverbs 31:28-29

Hannah's story is marked by deep longing and persistent prayer. In her pain, she ran to the Lord—not away from Him. She poured out her heart honestly, trusting that God both heard and cared. When God answered, she followed through on her promise, dedicating Samuel back to the Lord.

Hannah shows us that motherhood is rooted in dependence on God. Whether in seasons of waiting, joy, or uncertainty, prayer is the foundation. Her faith wasn't just in receiving a child, but in trusting God with that child's future. A praying mother leaves a legacy that stretches far beyond what she can see.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How consistent is your prayer life when facing challenges?
- What would it look like to trust God fully with your family's future?

MARY - A WILLING HEART

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Scripture Memory: Proverbs 31:28-29

Mary's response to God's calling was simple yet profound: "I am the Lord's servant." Faced with uncertainty, risk, and misunderstanding, she chose obedience. Her willingness to say "yes" positioned her in the center of God's redemptive plan.

Motherhood—and life—often brings unexpected paths. Mary reminds us that faith is not about having all the answers, but about trusting the One who does. Her obedience didn't remove difficulty, but it brought purpose. A willing heart allows God to work in ways we could never orchestrate on our own.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Where might God be calling you to trust Him more deeply right now?
- What does a "yes" to God look like in your current circumstances?

LOIS - A LEGACY OF FAITH

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 1:3-7

Scripture Memory: Proverbs 31:28-29

Lois may not be widely known, but her impact is undeniable. Alongside Eunice, she helped pass down a sincere faith to Timothy. Her influence wasn't flashy—it was faithful. Day by day, she invested truth into the next generation.

Faithful motherhood is often seen in the small, consistent moments. Teaching, modeling, correcting, encouraging—these daily acts build a spiritual foundation. Lois reminds us that legacy isn't built overnight, but over time through intentional faithfulness. What you sow today can echo for generations.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What kind of spiritual legacy are you building right now?
- How can you be more intentional in passing down your faith?

THE PROVERBS 31 WOMAN – A LIFE OF STRENGTH AND HONOR

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

Scripture Memory: Proverbs 31:28-29

The Proverbs 31 woman represents a life marked by strength, wisdom, and reverence for the Lord. She is diligent, compassionate, and faithful in every area entrusted to her. Her worth is not defined by perfection, but by her fear of the Lord and her commitment to live faithfully.

This passage isn't meant to overwhelm—it's meant to inspire. It paints a picture of a woman whose life reflects God's character in both public and private. True beauty and strength come from a heart anchored in Him. Her life becomes a testimony that points others toward God.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Which qualities from this passage do you want to grow in most?
- How can your daily life reflect a deeper reverence for the Lord?

CALLED TO SERVE WELL

Scripture Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Scripture Memory: Acts 6:7

The early church was growing rapidly, but growth brought tension. A complaint arose about unfair distribution, and instead of ignoring it, the apostles addressed it head-on. They didn't try to do everything themselves but invited others into ministry. This moment reveals that healthy churches don't avoid problems—they solve them with Spirit-led wisdom and shared responsibility. Leadership wasn't about control; it was about empowering others.

Serving well requires more than availability—it requires character. The apostles looked for people full of the Spirit, wisdom, and integrity. This reminds us that every role in the church matters deeply, whether seen or unseen. God uses faithful servants to sustain and strengthen His work. When we serve with the right heart, we become part of something much bigger than ourselves.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Where is God calling you to serve faithfully right now?
- Are you prioritizing character as much as calling in your service?

FAITHFULNESS IN THE SMALL THINGS

Scripture Reading: Acts 6:8-15

Scripture Memory: Acts 6:7

Stephen wasn't one of the apostles, yet God used him powerfully. He served tables, but he was also full of grace and power, performing wonders and speaking with wisdom. His life shows that faithfulness in "small" roles often leads to greater opportunities for impact. God doesn't measure importance the way we do—He honors obedience.

However, faithfulness also invites opposition. Stephen faced false accusations and hostility, yet he remained steadfast. His confidence didn't come from circumstances but from the Spirit within him. When we walk closely with God, even resistance becomes a platform for His glory. The question is not whether opposition will come, but whether we will remain faithful when it does.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How do you respond when your faithfulness is overlooked or challenged?
- What would it look like to trust God more deeply in your current role?

REMEMBERING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Scripture Reading: Acts 7:1-29

Scripture Memory: Acts 6:7

Standing before the council, Stephen didn't defend himself in the way they expected. Instead, he told the story of God's faithfulness—from Abraham to Joseph to Moses. His message was clear: God has always been at work, even when His people didn't recognize it. Sometimes we need to look back to see clearly how God has been moving all along.

Recounting God's past faithfulness strengthens present courage. Stephen wasn't just giving a history lesson; he was pointing to a pattern of God's provision and people's resistance. When we remember what God has done, it builds confidence for what He is doing now. Reflection fuels faith, and faith empowers boldness in the face of uncertainty.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- How has God shown His faithfulness in your past?
- How can remembering that shape your response to current challenges?

COURAGE TO STAND FIRM

Scripture Reading: Acts 7:130-60

Scripture Memory: Acts 6:7

Stephen's message grew more direct as he confronted the hardness of their hearts. He spoke truth boldly, even though it cost him everything. As he was being stoned, he looked to heaven and saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God. In his final moments, Stephen reflected Christ—not with anger, but with forgiveness.

True courage isn't loud or aggressive—it's rooted in conviction and surrender. Stephen's life reminds us that following Jesus may come with a cost, but it is always worth it. Even in suffering, God is present, and His glory is revealed. When we fix our eyes on Jesus, we can stand firm no matter what comes against us.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- What fears keep you from standing boldly for Christ?
- How can you reflect Christ's grace even in difficult situations?

THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF FAITHFULNESS

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:12-14

Scripture Memory: Acts 6:7

Stephen's death seemed like a tragedy, but God used it to scatter believers and spread the gospel. What looked like defeat became divine strategy. Persecution pushed the church outward, and the message of Jesus reached new places. God often uses difficult seasons to accomplish greater purposes than we can see in the moment.

Our faithfulness has a ripple effect. When we trust God in hardship, others are strengthened, and the gospel advances. Like Paul later wrote, what happened to him actually served to advance the gospel. God wastes nothing—not our pain, not our obedience, not our witness. When we remain faithful, He multiplies the impact far beyond what we imagine.

- What is one thing that you saw in today's passage that you can apply to your own life?
- Which qualities from this passage do you want to grow in most?
- How can your daily life reflect a deeper reverence for the Lord?

JOIN US ON SUNDAY

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