

Acts: Learning How to Church  
**Whose Side Are You On?**

**Acts 6:8-7:60**  
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✂ **The Scene** (Acts 6:8-7:1)

*The story of Stephen forces us to ask ourselves what we're living for*

**A biblical history lesson in living for God:**

✂ **Abraham** (Acts 7:2-8)

Those who are for God *trust His promises...*  
even when they haven't come to fruition yet

✂ **Joseph** (Acts 7:9-19)

Those who are for God *trust His plan...*  
even when they can't comprehend the big picture

✂ **Moses** (Acts 7:20-38)

Those who are for God *answer His call...*  
even if it means they'll face rejection

✂ **Israel** (Acts 7:39-50)

Those who are for God *believe for themselves...*  
they don't just inherit someone else's faith

**The lesson for us:**

When God reaches out, reach up.  
Don't resist His invitation. Receive His grace



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**Questions for Life Group or Personal Reflection**

- ✂ The point that got me thinking after the message this week was:
  
- ✂ Which of the people referred to or participating in Acts 6:8-7:60 did you identify with most? Why?
  
- ✂ Why do people resist or reject God?
  
- ✂ Read Luke 9:23-26. How do we "lose our lives" for Jesus if we don't face persecution like Stephen did?
  
- ✂ Stephen took his stand for Jesus despite the consequences. How can you stand up for Jesus (at work, in your community, at school, in your home, in places of leisure, etc.)?
  
- ✂ Pray for the same grace, boldness, wisdom & Spirit that helped Stephen to stand up for Jesus. Seek to live your life for God's glory.



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