

## Message Notes 6/21/26

### MOVE – Week 5

- SUFFERING
- Suffering doesn't mean God has left you
- Acts Chapters 6, 7, & 8
- CHAPTER 6
- "Stephen, a man **full of faith** and the **Holy Spirit...**" Acts 6:5
- These seven were presented to the apostles, who **prayed** for them as they **laid their hands** on them. Acts 6:6
- None of them could stand against the **wisdom** and the **Spirit** with which Stephen spoke. Acts 6:10
- ARRESTED
- At this point everyone in the high council stared at Stephen, because his face became as bright as an angel's. Acts 6:15
- CHAPTER 7
- Stephen delivers a **BOLD** defense
- "You stubborn people! You are heathen at heart and deaf to the truth. **Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit?** That's what your ancestors did, and so do you! Name one prophet your ancestors didn't persecute!

They even killed the ones who predicted the coming of the Righteous One - The Messiah whom you betrayed and murdered. You deliberately disobeyed God's law, even though you received it from the hands of angels." Acts 7:51

- Stephen, **full of the Holy Spirit**, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus **standing** in the place of honor at God's right hand. Acts 7:55
- And then he told them, "Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man **standing** in the place of honor at God's right hand!" Acts 7:56
- As they stoned him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." He fell to his knees, shouting, "Lord, don't charge them with this sin!" And with that, he died. Acts 7:59-60
- Stephen became the first Martyr

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- CHAPTER 8
- A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem. Acts 8:1
- Saul
- As soon as they arrived, **they prayed** for these new believers **to receive the Holy Spirit**. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 8:15-16
- Then Peter and John **laid their hands** upon these believers, and they **received the Holy Spirit**. Acts 8:17
- SUFFERING became a SPARK

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- ... “You will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit comes upon you**. And you will be my witnesses - telling people about me **everywhere** - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to all the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

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