

## On Mission with God

### Acts 6-7

***“I will put into practice what I hear and learn from God’s word.”***

<sup>38</sup> *Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail.* <sup>39</sup> ***But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”*** Acts 5:38-39

**I. Am I joining God in what He is doing?**

**II. There price in joining God in what He is doing can cost us everything.**

<sup>10</sup> *but they could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke.* Acts 6:10

*“We have heard Stephen speak words of blasphemy against Moses and against God.”* Acts 6:11

<sup>51</sup> *“You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!”* <sup>52</sup> *Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him—* Acts 7:51-52

***Let us not be concern on how others express their faith. Our concern should be asking ourselves whether people see God in the faith we express.***

<sup>54</sup> *When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him.* <sup>55</sup> *But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.* <sup>56</sup> *“Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”* Acts 7:54-56

<sup>57</sup> *At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.* Acts 7:57-58

<sup>59</sup> *While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”* <sup>60</sup> *Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.* Acts 7:59-60

<sup>51</sup> *I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”* John 6:51

<sup>53</sup> *Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.”* <sup>54</sup> *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.* <sup>55</sup> *For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.* <sup>56</sup> *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.* John 6:53-56

<sup>67</sup> *“You do not want to leave too, do you?”* John 6:67

**Peter’s answer holds the key as to why the disciples were willing to lay their life for Christ sake.**

<sup>68</sup> *Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”* <sup>69</sup> ***We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”*** John 6:68

**III. To effectively join God in what He is doing is to realize that we created to live for Him.**

**A. Commit to GROWING in faith.**

**B. Commit to SERVING others.**

**C. Commit to REACHING out.**

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