

# DON'T MISS THIS

**Acts 6:8–8:4 Big Idea:** You can be near religion and still miss relationship.

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## 1. They Couldn't Beat the Truth *Acts 6:8–7:1*

When they could not defeat truth, they attacked the \_\_\_\_\_.

Courage is not the absence of fear. It is obedience in spite of it.

**Luke 21:15** reminds us: *“For I will give you such words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.”*

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## 2. God Was Moving—They Kept Missing It *Acts 7:2–43*

**Abraham** — God moved \_\_\_\_\_

**Joseph** — God's deliverer was \_\_\_\_\_

**Moses** — They rejected the one sent to \_\_\_\_\_

God kept moving. They kept resisting.

Sometimes we reject rescue because it does not arrive the way we expected.

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## 3. The Temple Was Never the Point *Acts 7:44–53*

Church attendance is not \_\_\_\_\_

Religious activity is not \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus says in **Matthew 7:21–23**: *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?’ Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!’”*

The issue is not religion.

The issue is \_\_\_\_\_

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## 4. Stephen Saw What They Couldn't *Acts 7:54–60*

Peace came from \_\_\_\_\_ not circumstances.

Stephen stood because he saw \_\_\_\_\_ clearly.

Faith says: “I trust Him if He delivers me... and I trust Him if He \_\_\_\_\_”

You become like what you \_\_\_\_\_

What has your attention? What has your affection? What has your focus?

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## **5. God Used the Pain** *Acts 8:1–4*

What looked like persecution became \_\_\_\_\_

What looked like loss became \_\_\_\_\_

God wastes \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:28:** *We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.*

**Genesis 50:20 :** *You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people.*

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## **RESPONSE + REFLECTION**

Search me, O God. Psalm 139:23–24

Where am I resisting the Holy Spirit?

What sin have I been protecting?

What idol has taken God’s place?

Do I need to return to where I first started with Jesus?

Do I truly know Jesus— or do I only know church?

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## **Personal Response**

Today, I need to surrender: