



# COURAGEOUS FAITH

THE BOOK OF ACTS

Bible study for the week starting September 11, 2022

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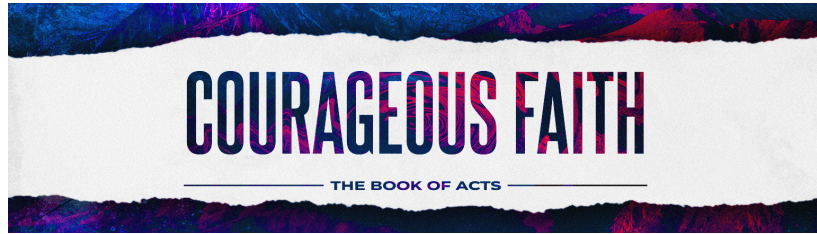
1. Stephen waited on tables; what's the most random or low-level job you had when you were younger? (I had many, but at 15 I cooked chicken at a KFC.) What did you learn from that job? (I learned the value of washing your hands well – no one wants salmonella!)

## READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read **Acts 7:1-53** (and **Acts 6** & **Acts 7:54-8:1** for context). Stephen was content to serve humbly, but he was thrust into the limelight. What happened, and how would you describe his response?
3. The question on the table was, “Are these things so?” Look at the content of Stephen’s speech; what do you see in his answer?
4. Read **Joshua 1:1-9**. The theme of this series is “Courageous Faith.” For Joshua, that meant taking over for Moses and leading the people to fight for the Promised Land. If courage means “not deterred by danger or pain; brave,” what do we see in Stephen’s response that is courageous?
5. Read **Mark 13:9-13**. Stephen’s predicament should have come as no surprise. What did Jesus say to prepare us for what we might face?

## PRAY

6. Pray that God would *show* you how He can *use* you!



## Courageous Faith: Stephen's Speech

Acts 7:1-53

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Courageous Faith: Not deterred by DANGER or PAIN; BRAVE.

BIG, if TRUE.

There is freedom in the TRUTH.

STRONG and COURAGEOUS. Why?

Not rejection. Not trouble. Not persecution. Not even DEATH.

“FAITH will give you courage.”

Don't just ask God to CHANGE you; ask God to show you how he might USE you.

*For next week, read Acts 7:54-8:1a.*