

WORSHIP NOTES

**3-22-26 - Oh, The Pains of Growing! & Baptism Sunday! Acts 6:1-7 -
THE BOOK OF ACTS SERIES**

CALL TO WORSHIP

GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE!

Leader: Come and gather, not because you have it all together, but because you know the One who holds all things together.

People: We come, bearing the weight of things that seem impossible.

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Leader: The world whispers "not enough," "not possible," "no way." The Gospel proclaims when we have no way, God makes a way. He IS The WAY!

People: We place our "few loaves and fish" into Your hands, trusting You to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.

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Leader: In Matthew 19:26, "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are POSSIBLE!'"

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All: Let us worship the God who makes the impossible, POSSIBLE!

**Let's join together in prayer -- to *Invite*, to *Welcome*, & to *Host*
the Holy Spirit into this place!**

MESSAGE

Acts 6:1–7 NIV

6 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.

THE PROBLEM:

- ++Distortion of the Gospel**
- ++Distraction from Focus**

2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.

The Solution

3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them
4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

5 This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicoas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

6 They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

THE SOLUTION:

Integrity & Intentionality

THE RESULT:

7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

THE RESULT:

Mutuality & Multiplication

THERE'S A GAP BETWEEN WHAT WE SAY WE BELIEVE AND HOW WE BEHAVE.

THE MORE WE BECOME WHAT WE BELIEVE,
THE MORE THE WORLD BEHOLDS THE GOSPEL'S BEAUTY

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THIS PLACE!*

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