

# Ever Widening Circles

Unstoppable  
Acts Chapters 5-8

# So Far

- “Unstoppable” in review— Jesus said, “I will build my church.” We learned the church is His people gathered together for His purposes.

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- The purpose of His people is together to be His witnesses. The power of His people is resurrection life through the infilling of His Holy Spirit.

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- The Shoreline Church is being built upon Christ the cornerstone, gathered for His purposes, and empowered to be His witnesses to our generation. We freely give of ourselves here for His glory.

# Expanding Church

- As we return to our “Unstoppable” series we will continue to learn how The Shoreline Church can expand its impact to our generation by studying the early followers of Jesus in Jerusalem.

- The early church in Acts 5-8 was expanding. Acts 5:14 says, “Yet more and more people believed and were brought to the Lord- crowds of both men and women.” And Acts 6:7 reports, “So God’s message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased...”

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2. Unfazed by hardship and persecution— Acts 5:40-41 tells us the apostles were flogged and threatened, yet they rejoiced and kept speaking about Jesus Messiah.

3. Unafraid of death itself— Stephen was a believer filled with God's grace, wisdom and power. In Acts 7 he boldly stood up against the religious leaders and for our Lord Jesus.

4. Unbiased in Outreach and Discipleship— Acts 8:9-13 Simon was saved and discipled. The early church even went to those who seemed furthest away.