



"EARTH, WIND, & FIRE" WEEKLY REFLECTION JOURNAL

July 17: A Dangerous Message

The early Church began with great excitement and success, but soon challenges emerged and grew. The culmination of the first season of the church was the life and death of Stephen, the first person in this newly established church to die for his faith. As we remember his story, we reflect on his faith, his message, and his impact. A man who was filled with faith, power, and wisdom, Stephen points us to see Jesus as our savior, and to find our hope in him. Stephen's impact continues to ripple outward today, and provides us with an opportunity to consider: what are you filled with? And, what gives you hope?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS: Pick one reading each day to study and reflect on God's word and your life. If you miss a day, or a week, give yourself grace and keep trying.

- Acts 6:8-15
- Acts 7:1-8
- Acts 7:9-16
- Acts 7:35-38
- Acts 7:44-47
- Acts 7:48-53
- Acts 7:54-7:60

Daily Journal

Look Up. Look In. Look Around.

Begin with 2 minutes of silence

Daily Bible Reading

As you read through the passage, write down your reflections from the following questions.

• SCRIPTURE:

What does this verse say about God, me, others? Any commands, promises, warnings, wisdom? What words or phrases stand out?

• OBSERVATIONS:

What am I mad/angry about?

What am I feeling sad about?

What am I feeling anxious about?

What am I glad/happy about?

• APPLICATIONS:

If the truths of the readings were alive in my life, how would it change me?

• PRAYER:

Based on all of these thoughts, what and who should I be talking to God about today?