

## Acts 6

### “Holy Discomfort”

#### \*Enduring the Pains of Spiritual Growth

#### 1. **V1 Stretching our Faith**

- i. With growth comes discomfort. (“*This is not what I am used to*”. “*I am not sure I can do this*”. “*I don’t know what I am doing*”)
- ii. View **discomfort, challenges and trials** as opportunities for God to *grow and shape you*. (Romans 5:3-4, James 1:2, 2 Peter 1:5-7)
- iii. When we “**stretch**” before we exercise, we don’t get injured.

#### 2. **V2-7 Strengthening our Faith**

- i. **God is a God of Order**. Ministry is to be **shared** not consumed. Each member is to do their part. (1 Cor.12-14, Romans 12)
- ii. **Where are you serving?** How are you freeing up others to do what they are called to do? (No one is too BIG to Serve- Mark 10:44-45)
- iii. God desires **Character over Calling** (Does your character match your calling? Can you be trusted with Kingdom Business? (1 Tim. 3, 1 Sam. 16:7)

*\*Character determines not only how you live out your witness but also how you deal with conflict.*

#### 3. **V8-15 Stephen’s Example of Faith**

- i. Man of **Godly Character** like Jesus (Full of Faith, Power and the Holy Spirit-**We become like whoever we hang with**)
- ii. Surrendered to the Holy Spirit like Jesus (His Wisdom could not be Resisted-**Let the Spirit Speak not us**)
- iii. Endured the Trial like Jesus (**Blessed** are you when they persecute you and say all manner of evil for My name sake)