

## Acts 6:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Now at this time while the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic *Jews* against the *native* Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving *of food*. <sup>2</sup>So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. <sup>6</sup>And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

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### SERMON NOTES

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## Believe and Be Brave

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"Land of the free and the home of the brave." –Francis Scott Key

1 Corinthians 10:13b "and God is faithful, ...with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."

Matthew 9:22 "Your faith has made you well."

- Every believer may be filled with the Holy Spirit
- Conflict is predictable and potentially beneficial  
v. 2 – "not desirable" = *arestos*, "not pleasing"
- Lay people are called and equipped for service

There are no limitations!

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"They dared to not be scared of the world out there."