

Saved People Serve People pt 3

Acts 6:1–7 (CSB)

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⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵ This proposal pleased the whole company. So they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a convert from Antioch. ⁶ They had them stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

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

Any good thing takes more work than you think. God things do, too.

Acts 6:1

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Acts 6:2

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- **Our God's ability is shown through the availability of people.**

Acts 6:3

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- **Where you start serving is not always where you stay.**

Acts 6:5-6

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Acts 6:7

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