

Facing Adversities

Acts 6 & 7

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Intro: Giant Redwoods & Community Root Systems Stephen's Ability to Face Adversity

Stephen, the earliest recorded martyr of the church, was...

A. Rooted in Community (Acts 6:1-7)

1. The Messiness of Intercultural Mix
2. The Need for "Extra-Ordinary" Help
3. The Multi-Dimensional Benefit for God's Kingdom

B. Rooted in the Biblical Narratives (Acts 7:2-50)

1. From Abraham to Jesus
2. A fundamental focal point of joining together (Acts 2:42, 47)
3. A result of quantity and quality of time spent

C. Rooted in the Heart of Jesus (Acts 7:54-60)

1. The alliance of the God-Head
2. The affirmation of Jesus
3. The alignment to Jesus' first priority (**Mt. 1:21; 2 Pet.3:9**)

Conclusion: Discard, Endure & Draw From (**Hebrews 12:1-3**)