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SEASON 2

A message series
about making disciples then and now.

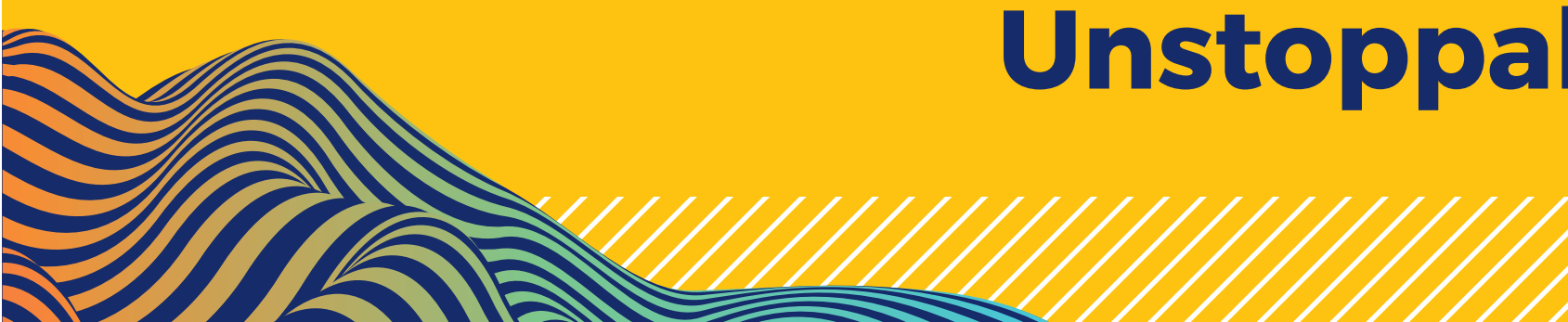




THE 1ST MARTYR Acts 6:8 - Acts 7:60



Unstoppable - making disciples THEN and NOW




Acts 1 ⁸ But you shall **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be **witnesses to Me in Jerusalem**, and in **all Judea and Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth.**”



**Season 1
Summary**



- Acts 1-2** Jesus preparing the disciples
 - Acts 3-4** Lame man healed, religious leaders reacted, the disciples responded
 - Acts 5-6** Internal challenge and external persecution
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Acts 6 ⁷ Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith



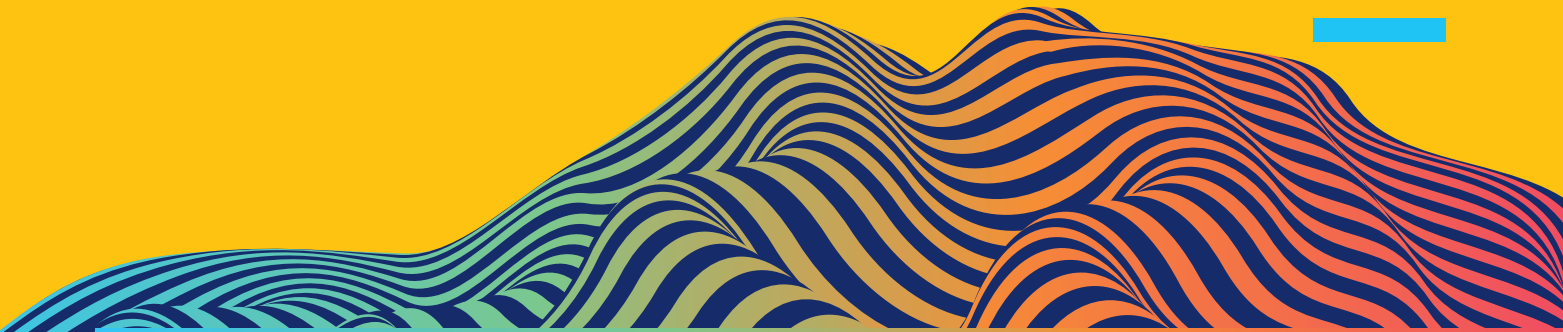
**THE 1ST
MARTYR**



- Stephen**
- Full of wisdom (6:3, 10)
 - Full of Holy Spirit (6:3, 10, 55)
 - Full of faith (6:8)
 - Full of power (6:8)



Acts 6:8-15
Accusation against Stephen



- Blaspheme against God
- Blaspheme against Moses
- Blaspheme against Law
- Blaspheme against Temple

Acts 7 Then the high priest said, “Are these things so?”
² And he said, “Brethren and fathers, listen: **The God of glory**
appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia,
before he dwelt in Haran...



Acts 7



1-8 *Story of Abraham*

9-16 *Story of Patriarch*

17-36 *Story of Moses*

37-43 *Story of Israel in
wilderness*

44-50 *Story of Tabernacle*



Acts 7:51-53

Stephen's Final Conclusion

⁵¹ “You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so do you.

⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,

⁵³ who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept *it*.”

Acts 7:54-60

Stephen's Martyrdom

⁵⁴ When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth. ⁵⁵ But he, **being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,** ⁵⁶ and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

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Acts 7:54-60

Stephen's Martyrdom

⁵⁷ Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; ⁵⁸ and they cast *him* out of the city and stoned *him*. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a **young man named Saul**.

⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, "**Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.**"

⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "**Lord, do not charge them with this sin.**" And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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