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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MEN'S COOKOUT** — Saturday, June 26, 4:00 p.m.

*Hosted by Bill Goodgion, in his backyard. Connect with him for directions: [Goodgionbill@yahoo.com](mailto:Goodgionbill@yahoo.com). There is a list of food items needed to bring along. Get more information from Men's Directory leader, Matthew Davis, or visit the Men's Facebook Group at [mydestiny.family/men](https://www.facebook.com/mydestiny.family/men).*

**KIDS SUMMER CAMP** — July 6 to 9, Cedar Canyon Camp, Rapid City, SD

*Get more information and access forms at [mydestiny.family/camps](https://www.mydestiny.family/camps). Scholarships are available. Talk to Pastor Dyani: [dyani@destiny4square.org](mailto:dyani@destiny4square.org).*

**BROWN FAMILY: SENDING SUNDAY** — Sunday, July 11

*We will have a special service and time to celebrate the launching of the beloved Brown family, as they prepare to take the lead pastor positions at Life Fellowship, a Foursquare Church in Fort Morgan, CO.*

**SIGN UP TO GET WATER BAPTIZED AT THE HILLS ALIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL** — Sunday, July 18

*If you want to take the next step in your faith, get more information and sign up at [mydestiny.family/baptism](https://www.mydestiny.family/baptism). Pastor Shawn and Pastor Lyle will be offering public water baptisms at Memorial Park as part of the Hills Alive event — usually starting around 1:00 p.m.*

# MESSAGE NOTES

## 6.20.21 | POWER-FULL, Part 5: More of The Miracle and The Message

So now, Lord, listen to their threats to harm us. Empower us, as your servants, to speak the word of God freely and courageously. Stretch out your hand of power through us to heal, and to move in signs and wonders by the name of your holy Son, Jesus!" **ACTS 4:29-30 TPT**

### SERVANT LEADERS

Everyone in the church loved this idea. So they chose seven men. One of them was Stephen, who was known as a man full of faith and overflowing with the Holy Spirit. Along with him they chose Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas from Antioch, who had converted to Judaism. All seven stood before the apostles, who laid their hands on them and prayed for them, commissioning them to this ministry. God's word reigned supreme and kept spreading. The number of Jesus' followers in Jerusalem quickly grew and increased by the day. Even a great number of Jewish priests became believers and were obedient to the faith!

Stephen, who was a man full of grace and supernatural power, performed many astonishing signs and wonders and mighty miracles among the people. This upset some men belonging to a sect who called themselves the Men Set Free. They were Libyans, Egyptians, and Turks. They all confronted Stephen to argue with him. But the Holy Spirit gave Stephen remarkable wisdom to answer them. His words were prompted by the Holy Spirit, and they could not refute what he said. **ACTS 6:5-10 TPT**

### STEPHEN'S SERMON AND STONING

"Why would you be so stubborn as to close your hearts and your ears to me? You are always opposing the Holy Spirit, just like your forefathers! Which prophet was not persecuted and murdered by your ancestors? Name just one! They killed them all—even the ones who prophesied long ago of the coming of the Righteous One! Now you follow in their steps and have become his betrayers and murderers. You have been given the law by the visitation of angels, but you have not obeyed it." When they heard these things, they were overtaken with violent rage filling their souls, and they gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, overtaken with great faith, was full of the Holy Spirit. He fixed his gaze into the heavenly realm and saw the glory and splendor of God—and Jesus, who stood up at the right hand of God.

"Look!" Stephen said. "I can see the heavens opening and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God to welcome me home!" His accusers covered their ears with their hands and screamed at the top of their lungs to drown out his voice. Then they pounced on him and threw him outside the city walls to stone him. His accusers, one by one, placed their outer garments at the feet of a young man named Saul of Tarsus. As they hurled stone after stone at him, Stephen prayed, "Our Lord Jesus, accept my spirit into your presence." He crumpled to his knees and shouted in a loud voice, "Our Lord, don't hold this sin against them." And then he died. **ACTS 7:51-60 TPT**

God \_\_\_\_\_ does a miracle.

#### 4 MIRACLES WE CAN HOLD ON TO:

1. God gives \_\_\_\_\_ boldness in the face of intense persecution and opposition.
2. We are no longer \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We are \_\_\_\_\_ into heaven.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ explodes.

From that day on, a great persecution of the church in Jerusalem began. All the believers scattered into the countryside of Judea and among the Samaritans... God-fearing men gave Stephen a proper burial and mourned greatly over his death. Then Saul mercilessly persecuted the church of God, going from house to house into the homes of believers to arrest both men and women and drag them off to prison. Although the believers were scattered by persecution, they preached the wonderful news of the word of God wherever they went. **ACTS 8:1-4 TP**

#### 4 STEPS TO TAKE WHEN YOU ARE IN A HARD PLACE:

1. Ask God for a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the sovereign plans of God.
3. Raise the volume of the \_\_\_\_\_ above the circumstances.
4. Ask God to give you the grace to \_\_\_\_\_ well.