



# “Deacons, Deaconing, & the Power to Serve”

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“Acts: God’s Friends, His Power, & the Ends of the Earth,” pt 6





Acts 6:1 ¶ Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food.\*



Acts 6:2 And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables.



Acts 6:3 Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task,\*



Acts 6:1 ¶ ...the daily serving  
of food.

Acts 6:2 ... in order to serve  
tables.

Acts 6:4 ...serving the word.”



Acts 6:5 What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.



Acts 6:6 They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.\*





Those “deaconing...”

Angels...

Peter’s mother in law...

The self righteous lost ...

Many women...

Martha...

Paul...

Paul & all with him...

Certain men



Rom. 16:1 ¶ I commend to  
you our sister Phoebe,  
a deacon of the church  
at Cenchreae,



Acts 5:12 ¶ Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.\*



Acts 5:13 None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem.\*



Rom. 16:7 Greet Andronicus  
and Junia, my fellow Israelites  
who were in prison with me;  
they are prominent among  
the apostles, and they were  
in Christ before I was.

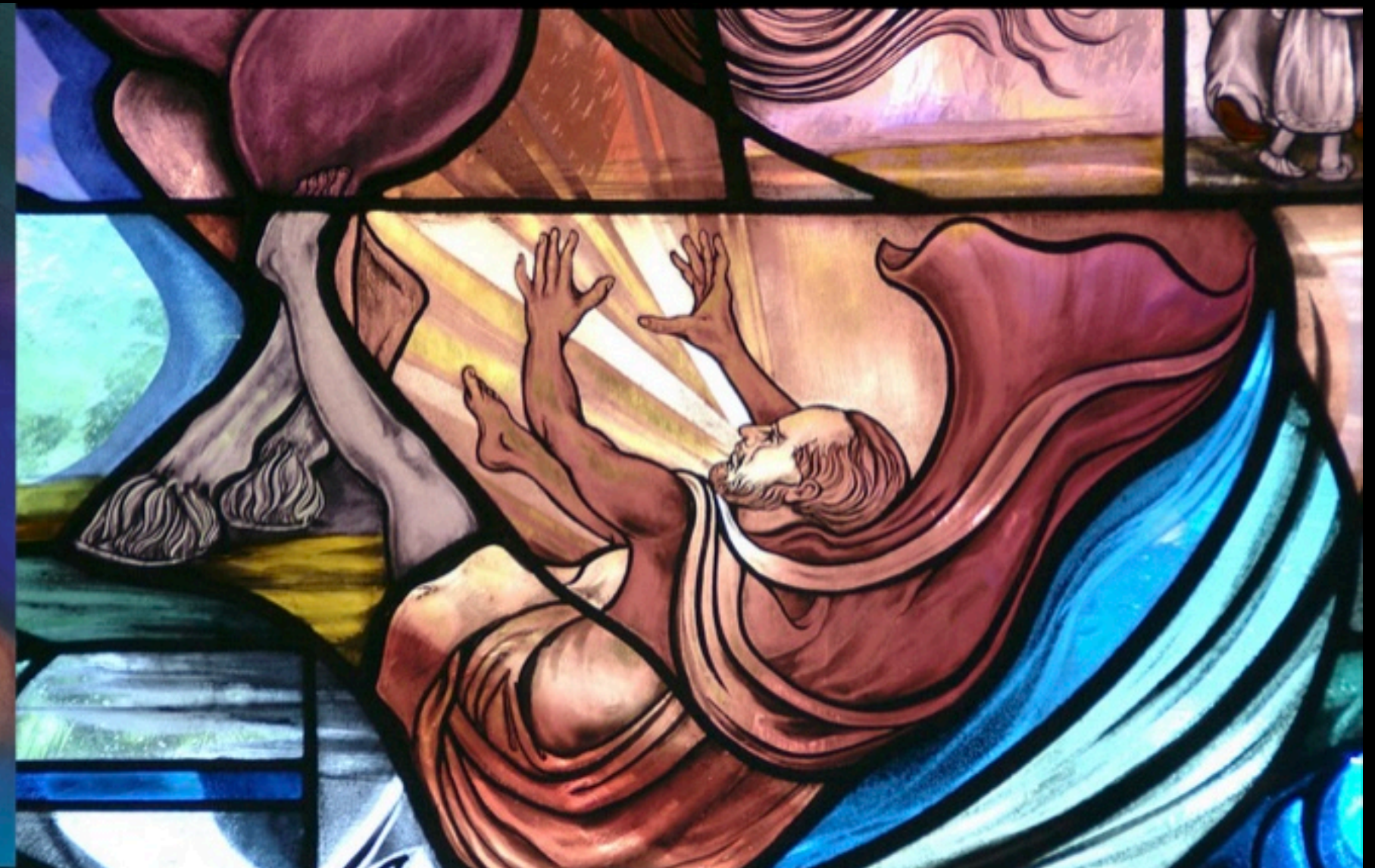


Acts 6:7 ¶ The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.\*



Acts 6:8 ¶ Stephen, full  
of grace and power, did  
great wonders and signs  
among the people.





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