

## TRAILBLAZER THURSDAY MORNING WATCH



**PRAY:** Ask God to show you something special today as you study His word.

Happy Thursday! Another opportunity to invest time with God has arrived. Our prayer is for God's VISION for you and me to be coming into greater focus. This fourth morning, you will read of someone who understood God's VISION and actually had a vision of God and Jesus.



We are moving to the New Testament this morning. Find the book of Acts-it's after the first four books of the New Testament called the gospels-and locate chapter 6.



What is the problem that arose for the disciples? (v.1)



What solution did the disciples have? (v.2-3)



Who is the first person chosen to solve the problem? (v.5)



How is this man described? (v.5, 8)



How did Stephen compare to the men who wanted to argue with him? (v.10)



Why was Stephen brought before the Council? (v.11-13)

In Acts 7, as his defense, Stephen gives a history of the Jews. [This is a long chapter; you may go directly to the verses listed below]



What people did Stephen mention? (v.2, 20, 46)



What fault did Stephen find in the Council members? (v.51-53)



The Council was not happy with Stephen. What did Stephen say that really upset the Council? (v.54-56)



How did the men who were listening to Stephen act? (v.57-59)

✍ What words did Stephen speak that showed he had a relationship with the Lord? (v59-60)

✍ Who is the man we are introduced to at Stephen's stoning? (v.58,)

✍ How did this man react to Stephen's stoning? (Chapter 8:1)

✍ What did Saul begin to do to those of the church? (v.3)

From today's scriptures, it is evident that Stephen had a relationship with Jesus. That could not be said of Saul. Have you ever known someone who acted one way before beginning a relationship with Jesus and then changing in obvious ways after the same person believed in Jesus and had a relationship with Him?

✍ If so, share some of the details. If not, write what you imagine would be some changes/differences in a person.

Pray and thank God for Stephen's example.

### **Memory Verse:**

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) ...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Practice your memory verse for the week. Read over it three times.

Today in Bible Ex, we will focus on the man Saul whom we read about this morning and see how he became a "new person" and fulfilled God's purpose for his life.

See you Tuesday night on ZOOM