

# ACTS



LOVING



GROWING



SENDING

## Acts 7



# 1. God's Unfailing Work

- God's plan
- God's call
- God's enemies
- God's message

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# 1. God's Unfailing Work

The promise of sin is that you can't live without it.

The reality of sin is that you can't live with it.

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## 2. Stephen's Unnerving Witness

a) rejection / rebellion

↳ Joseph's brothers (vv. 9-16)

↳ acted in jealousy ... like leaders & Saul

↳ Moses' contemporaries (vv. 17-44)

↳ v. 35, Moses is "ruler & redeemer"

↳ v. 37 refers to Jesus ("ruler & savior")

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## 2. Stephen's Unnerving Witness

b) temple

↳ “God of glory” in Mesopotamia

↳ God at work in Egypt

↳ temple mentioned briefly at the end

**“The Most High does not dwell in houses.”**

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## 2. Stephen's Unnerving Witness

- i. Acts 7 speaks to the unbeliever
- ii. Acts 7 speaks to the church
  - ↪ God is not bound to a place
  - ↪ remaining inward focused is **unacceptable**

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## 2. Stephen's Unnerving Witness

Persecution scattered the church, and  
Stephen's sermon gave them truth to sow.

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