

Responsive: Flexibility in Unexpected Times (Acts 6:7-8:4) Sermon Devotional

Series: Transitions

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1. Think of a time when circumstances beyond your control caused you to adapt quickly to your new situation. What was going on at that time?
2. Is it easier for you to resist or embrace changes that are thrust upon you?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Acts 6:7-8:4 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com/media.
4. According to Acts 6:7, all of the disciples of Jesus were located in what city?
5. However, in Acts 1:8, Jesus told the apostles that they would be his witnesses in what areas?
6. In Acts 6:8-7:53, Stephen gave an impassioned speech in which he outlined Israel's history, including their disobedience to God. According to Acts 7:52, of what offenses did Stephen accuse his audience?
7. Enraged, the members of the Sanhedrin put Stephen to death, which then resulted in a severe persecution coming against the church. According to Acts 8:1, into what areas did the Jerusalem believers scatter?
8. According to Acts 8:4, what did they continue to do as they moved into these areas?

Bringing It Home

9. One of the lessons we can learn from the early church is to be responsive and flexible to the changing circumstances we face. Did the early church's ability to adapt mean that they disobeyed God, or did it mean that they continued to obey God in ways they didn't previously anticipate?
 10. What do you believe might be some ways that God's people might continue to obey him in ways we may not have previously anticipated prior to the pandemic?
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