



Notes

Pastor John Swadley, Lost - Part 6

"Lost and Restored" (Acts 6:1-7)

Acts 6:1-7 (NIV) ¹In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ²So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." ⁵This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

1. Multiplying and Murmuring Go Together.

- A. Growth Causes _____.
- B. Change Causes _____.
- C. Loss Causes _____.

"Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them." (Acts 6:3)

"This proposal pleased the whole group." (Acts 6:5)

"So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith." (Acts 6:7)

2. If Change Causes Grief, Why Do We Change?

- A. We Change Because of the _____ of the World.

"For the love of Christ compels us..." (2 Corinthians 5:14).

- B. We Change Because Grief Is _____.

We will either grieve because we are growing or we will grieve because we are dying.

- C. We Change Because Embracing Grief Makes Us like _____.

(over)

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death." (Philippians 3:10)

"And no one pours new wine into old wineskins..." (Luke 5:37)

We must embrace grief in order to experience growth!

Want to Go Deeper?

- List at least one change God wants to make in your life.
- Pray that God will give us the grace to embrace grief for the sake of those who don't know Jesus.
- Request baptism which is a symbol of a changed heart.
- Memorize Philippians 3:10
- Read "Who Stole My Church?" by Gordon MacDonald

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!