

DON'T HARDEN YOUR HEARTS

Acts 7.17-41 // September 11, 2022

MOSES 2.0

Deuteronomy 18.15-22, 34.10-12 // John 1.19-28, 45, 6.14, 28-34

Stephen does similarly with Moses as he did with Joseph in showing the Jewish leaders the background of Moses, and that Jesus is the prophet that Moses spoke about.

Moses and Jesus Foreshadowing

- Both avoided being killed as a baby by a leader who was threatened.
- Both had their identities concealed growing up (both were adopted).
- Both could speak to God as a friend does.
- Under Moses, Passover was instituted, and Jesus Himself was the Passover Lamb (what Moses started, Jesus finished).
- Pentecost was the Jewish celebration of God giving the Law, but on this Pentecost was the day that Jesus gave His Spirit.
- Both performed miracles, including feeding the hungry and having command over the sea.
- Both fasted for 40 days alone in the wilderness.
- Both gave manna from heaven.
- Both were rejected by their own people whom they were given to save.
- Both received and delivered God's Word to His people.
- Both were willing to take God's wrath for His people. (**Exodus 32.30-32**)
- Moses lifted up a bronze serpent on a pole that saved people who looked upon it; this was a foreshadow of Jesus being lifted up.
- Both led their people out of captivity.

ONLY THROUGH JOSHUA

Philippians 2.5-11 // Galatians 2.21 // John 3.5-7

Where Moses and Jesus differ, however, is that Moses was not allowed to take the people into the Promised Land, so Joshua was appointed that job. Likewise, the Law, which Moses symbolizes, is not able to take us into the Promised Land. Joshua, also, is the Hebrew form of Jesus, and therefore it is Joshua (Jesus) alone who can take God's people into the Promises Land.

DON'T BE HARDENED

Hebrews 3.1-15 // John 8.31-37

The warning that this story with Stephen gives us, also, in relating the history of Moses, is that we ought to be careful to not harden our hearts as they did. The Jewish leaders, obviously, have done so. But we do not have to. God gives us His Word and His people to exhort us every day, so that we would not be led astray by the deceitfulness of sin.

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

1 Corinthians 13:9-10

For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Acts 7.17-41**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How is God's grace shown in this story of Stephen relating the story of Moses? How does this story help you to deepen your faith in Him?

Your Life Mission

It is easy for sin to harden our hearts. When this happens, it even fogs our lenses up and makes us unwilling to share the Gospel. How do you need specific prayer for your heart as it pertains to your desire to share the Gospel with others?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

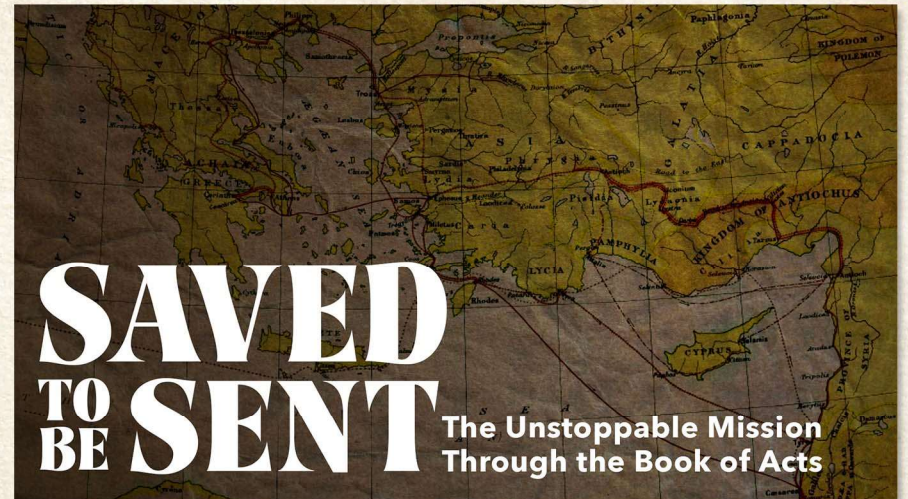
- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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