



**“A Very Present Help in Trouble”**

Acts 7:54-8:4

July 28, 2023

SERMON REVIEW

**Three ways God helps:**

1. He gives a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (7:54-56)
2. He gives an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (7:57-60)
3. He gives a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (7:58, 6:1-4)

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. How does the vision of Stephen in Acts 7 compare to Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6? What does each moment emphasize? How do they stand together and contribute to a full perspective of the nature of God?
2. "Take up your cross daily and follow me." How often do you give thought to living and even dying for the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Would you die for your faith? How does fixing your eyes on Jesus help you with this? Hebrews 12.
3. Stephen was given the fullness of the Holy Spirit to endure a crisis and suffer well. Do you typically think of the fullness of the Spirit in this way? Read Romans 8. How can you ask for more of God's presence through the sufferings of life?
4. The Jewish leaders were displaying the fruit of the sinful nature in their rage and gnashing of teeth. What circumstances of your life make you want to grind your teeth in anger? How about the coming political emphasis?
5. Stephen reflects the grace of Jesus in life and death. Is there anyone you need to forgive and "let off the hook"? Is there anything that you are holding against someone else?