



Rock Church

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Empowered: To Stand Strong

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Monthly Discipleship Focus for July

Humbly embraces a kingdom mindset

This 9-week series journeys through the book of Acts and discovers practical ways the Holy Spirit equips and empowers us. In Part 7, Pastor Jesse explains how the Holy Spirit empowers us to stand strong in a world that constantly beats us down.

Based on the [broadcast message](#), read Acts 6:8-12, review the following statements and questions below, then briefly respond accordingly to these three main points on how the Holy Spirit empowers us:

1. **To stand strong with GODLY CHARACTER** (Galatians 5:22, Ephesians 2:10). It's important to stop listening to the WORLD and start listening to His WORD. Be a witness of others. You don't have to be a pastor to have godly character. Briefly share one area (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control) in which you need to improve in order to have more godly character.
2. **To stand strong with COURAGE** (Acts 6:11-15, Acts 7:1, Acts 7:51-53). Courage is defined as the ability to do something that frightens one; strength in the face of pain or grief. Thinking about the platform God has given you to be a witness for Him, with whom do you need to share your faith but haven't had the courage to do so - a coworker? neighbor? family member?
3. **To stand strong with COMPASSION** (Acts 7:54-60). Be reminded that Jesus is watching over you, even when you feel the weight of the world bringing you down. Give an example or two of what being compassionate looks like to you.

This Month's Memory Verse – Luke 9:11 (NKJV)

But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing.

This Week's Bible Readings & Bible Project Videos

Jeremiah 21-49: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/jeremiah/>

Psalms 84-89: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/psalms/>

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