

## “OH NO!”

### ACTS 6:1-7

*No test or trial is unique. Many others before you have experienced the exact same thing. But God is faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can handle. That's His promise to believers. He knows you, He created you and He'll give you the grace to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)*

### A BIBLICAL APPROACH TO CHALLENGES

#### ① \_\_\_\_\_ Trials (6:1-2)

Ministering to the widows is a \_\_\_\_\_ need and could not be dismissed. We are to serve fellow believers.

Apostles: “It’s not God-honoring if we \_\_\_\_\_ the Word for the work!”

#### ② \_\_\_\_\_ Trials (6:3-6)

We must always look to the wisdom of the Word of God to give us the counsel we need!

“Distribution” (6:1) and “serve/wait” (6:2) are the same root words for “\_\_\_\_\_” (1 Timothy 3).

#### ③ \_\_\_\_\_ Trials (6:7)

Since the apostles do what God has called them to do and the seven helpers do their ministry, \_\_\_\_\_ takes place.

## CONCLUSION

Beyond this initial saga in Acts 6, challenges continue to abound in the book:

- Ch. 9: \_\_\_\_\_ breathes out his threats
- Ch. 12: \_\_\_\_\_ turns violent
- Ch. 16: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ heatedly disagree
- Ch. 19: Several \_\_\_\_\_ are mimicking the apostles
- Ch. 28: \_\_\_\_\_ is imprisoned in Rome

The recurring theme of Acts is as follows:

- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_ → facing trials
- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_ → handling trials
- ◇ \_\_\_\_\_ → winning trials

How are you to respond in the midst of trials?

#### Book of James:

- 1) You \_\_\_\_\_ face them!
- 2) They will \_\_\_\_\_ longer than you think!
- 3) They have a \_\_\_\_\_ – to make you Christ-like!

Christians around the world face real persecution. So too might you in some form or fashion. Since God hasn’t changed how He works, heed the counsel for challenges from the Book of Acts. When a challenge enters your life, keep your eyes on the One who will safely bring you to the other side.