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"MISSION CATALYST"
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TEXT: Acts 7:54-60

BACKGROUND: The book of Acts follows the expansion of God's mission from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). In today's passage, we see the Lord use Stephen as the catalyst for moving the gospel outside of Jerusalem.

THE MISSION CATALYST

1. The Scene: The religious leaders put Stephen on trial because they believed he was blaspheming the temple and the law of Moses (6:8-15).

2. The Speech: Stephen responded by summarizing Israel's history with a twist ending (7:1-53).

3. The Three Responses:

a. Full of rage (7:54, 57-58)

b. Full endorsement (7:55-56)

c. Full of the Holy Spirit (7:55, 59-60)

4. The Catalyst: God used the life and death of Stephen to launch His mission (8:1).

APPLICATION QUESTION: How might God want to use your (Holy Spirit-filled) life in His mission?

