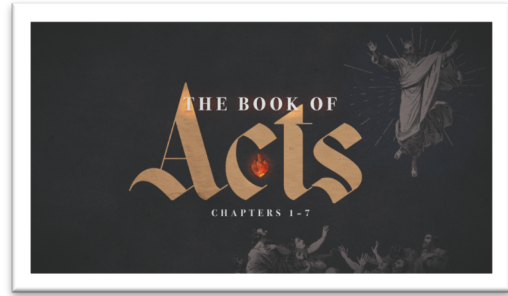


## HEAR ME

ACTS 7:1-53 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD  
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I am, as all people are, predisposed to reject God's kind offer of salvation (7:1-50), and so, though the Spirit leads, I resist him (7:51), though preachers preach, I despise them (7:52a), though Jesus loves, I betray him (7:52b) and though the Bible instructs, I refuse it (7:53).

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt prompted to share the Gospel but did not? Why did you resist sharing? What concerns did Stephen lay aside to share his message?
2. Has the weekly sermon become a source of familiar entertainment for you rather motivation to grow or change? How do you respond when a message points to ways that you've rejected God?

***Most Christians don't hear God's voice because we've already decided we aren't going to do what he says—A. W. Tozer***

3. Describe ways of resisting God's Word, and the servant-leaders who call us to obey him? Why would it be wrong for Israel to turn back to dependence on Egypt and idolatry? What's the spiritual metaphor in this for you? "...in their hearts they turned to Egypt, saying to Aaron, 'Make for us gods who will go before us'" (Acts 7:39b-40a).
4. Rather than betray Jesus in any way, we should want to grow by submitting to him. What would it look like, practically speaking, for you to 'hear Jesus' and not resist his love this week?