

Introduction – *"Things that make you go hmmm?!?!"*

*Review of what happened to Stephen from Acts 7:1-60*

*Four Truths that will help you go through the darkness of life*

1.  
(Acts 8:1)

2.  
(Acts 8:2)

3.  
(Acts 8:3)

4.  
(Acts 8:4-8)

Application – *"God is in control...are you getting the benefit of this?"*

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Romans 8:28

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Psalms 46:1-5

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## Acts 1:7-8

<sup>7</sup>He said to them:

“It is not for you to know the times or dates  
the Father has set by his own authority.

<sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in  
Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the ends of the earth.”

# Truth #1

*God Never Wastes Pain!*

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## Truth #2

*Godly people recognize  
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## Truth #3

*It usually gets darker  
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## Truth #4

*God loves to bring joy  
out of trouble!*