



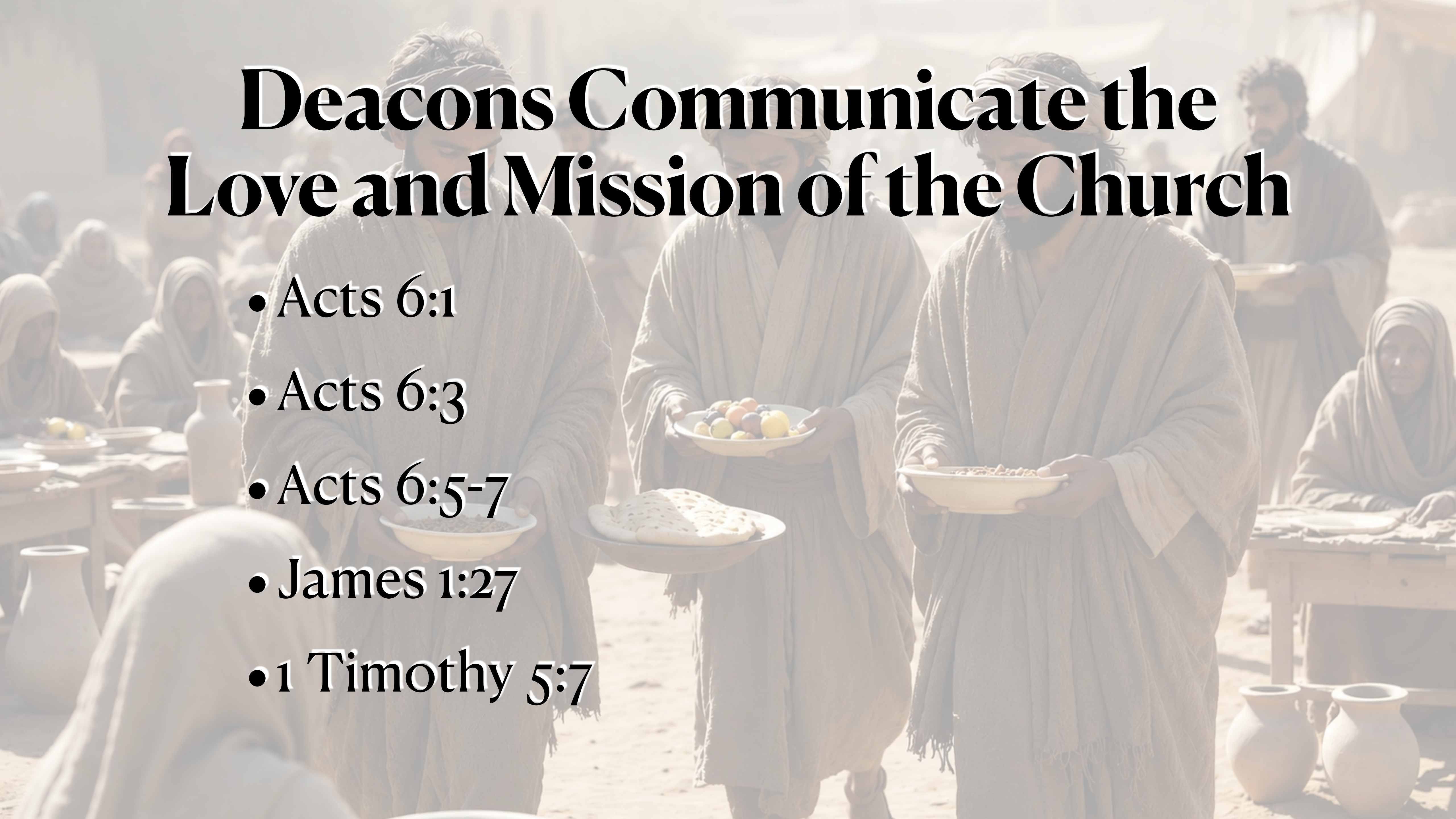
How Deacons Strengthen Communication

Deacons Free Elders to Communicate

- Acts 6:2-4 There are two broad types of ministry.
- Deacons free shepherds to care for the flock—Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2; Hebrews 13:17
- Freeing elders requires getting a clear picture of your task—1) What is the goal?; 2) Why are we doing this?; 3) How is it to be done?; 4) When is it to be completed? (Aubrey Johnson *Dynamic Deacons: Champions of Christ's Church* 38-39)

Deacons Communicate the Love and Mission of the Church

- Acts 6:1
- Acts 6:3
- Acts 6:5-7
- James 1:27
- 1 Timothy 5:7



Deacons Can Help Members in Problem Solving

- Do not air problems in public—1 Corinthians 6:1, 2
- Matthew 5:23-24
- Matthew 18:15-17
- 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

Deacons Can Help Squash Bad Communication

- Proverbs 20:19
- Proverbs 16:27-28
- Psalm 12:1-2
- Rules for stopping them—1) tell them you don't want to hear it; 2) 1 Timothy 5:11-14; 3) 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12