



Unsung Heroes

Stephen: The Bold Witness

Big Idea

Stephen was not one of the famous apostles, yet God used his bold faith to impact the early church in a powerful way. Even in the face of opposition, Stephen stayed full of grace, truth, and courage. His story reminds us that boldness is not about being loud or fearless — it's about faithfully pointing people to Jesus no matter the cost.

Warm Up

Who is someone you would describe as bold in a healthy or inspiring way? What makes boldness difficult sometimes?

View Message

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Video Notes

Discuss

Boldness Begins With Being Full of God

Read Together: *Acts 6:5* — They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit.

- What stands out to you about how Stephen is described in this verse?
- Why do you think spiritual boldness starts with being close to God?
- What is the difference between confidence in ourselves and confidence in God?
- What helps you stay spiritually grounded when life feels overwhelming?

Faithfulness Matters More Than Approval

Read Together: *Acts 6:8–10* — Stephen, full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people...

- Why do you think Stephen faced opposition even while doing good?
- Have you ever felt pressure to stay quiet about your faith or values?
- What makes it difficult to remain faithful when people disagree with you?
- How can we respond with both truth and grace like Stephen did?

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

Read Together: *Acts 7:55–56* — Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God...

- What do you think gave Stephen peace and courage in this moment?
- Why is it important to keep our focus on Jesus during difficult seasons?
- What distractions or fears tend to pull your attention away from God?
- How might your week look different if you intentionally kept your eyes on Jesus?



Practical Steps

- Pray each morning for courage to represent Jesus well in your conversations and actions.
- Encourage someone who may be discouraged or struggling in their faith.
- Share part of your story or faith journey with someone you trust.
- Spend time reading Acts 6–7 and reflect on Stephen’s example of courage and faithfulness.

What is one step you can take this week to live more boldly for Jesus?

Apply It

Reflection Moment: One area where I need courage to trust and follow Jesus is _____.

Action Step: Choose one practical step from this guide and intentionally act on it this week.

Pray Together: Ask God to fill you with faith, wisdom, and courage like Stephen. Pray for strength to stay faithful and focused on Jesus in every season.

Leader Reminder

Boldness can look different for each person. Keep the focus on faithful obedience, not personality type. Help your group see that courage grows as we stay close to Jesus and trust the Holy Spirit daily.