

# Acts 7 - Stephen

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# UNSTOPPABLE

## THE BOOK OF ACTS

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### Stephen: a life packed with God...

- **Servant's heart (humility)** - *"Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word. This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit."* (**Acts 6:3-5a**)

- **Lion's strength (power)** - *"Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people."* (**Acts 6:8**)

*All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.* (**Acts 6:15**)

- **Warrior's resolve (courage)** - *"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered Him..."* (**Acts 7:51-52**)

**The Kingdom's Third Law of Motion: every gospel action causes an equal and opposite reaction** - *"When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him."* (**Acts 7:54**)

• **When you stand tall for Jesus, He stands tall for you** - *“But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.” (Acts 7:55-58a)*

• **Never underestimate your prayers for your enemies** - *“While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he fell asleep. And Saul was there, giving approval to his death.” (Acts 7:59-8:1)*

### **Spiritual persecution only fuels kingdom multiplication...**

*“Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.” (Acts 11:19-21)*