

A Life Worth Imitating
Gospel Courage in a Hostile Culture
Acts 6:8-15

4 Marks of Faithful Witness:

- **Faithful Witness Is Spirit-Empowered (v8)**

- **Faithful Witness Rests in God's Verdict (v15)**

- **Faithful Witness Speaks with Wisdom and Truth (v9–10)**

- **Faithful Witness Is Often Misunderstood and Opposed (v11–14)**

Encourage you to journal or pray through these this week:

1. Whose verdict tends to shape your confidence the most—God's or others'? As you consider Stephen's calm demeanor before the council (Acts 6:15), where might God be inviting you to rest more fully in His assessment of your faithfulness rather than the approval or reaction of people?
2. How is the Spirit shaping your life before faithfulness becomes costly? Stephen was "*full of grace and power*" before opposition arose (Acts 6:8). What ordinary, Spirit-formed habits might God be using right now to prepare you for future moments of courage?
3. What would it look like for your life to be a faithful witness this week? Stephen's witness wasn't loud or aggressive, it was steady, truthful, and Christ-centered. In your current relationships or responsibilities, where might God be calling you to reflect that same kind of gospel courage?