

SERIES: EMPOWERED TO ADVANCE

TITLE: The Threat of Murder—Standing Tall in Faith

TEXT: Acts 7:54–60

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Background passage: Acts 6:8–7:60

- I. The Man called Stephen. (Acts 6:8–15)
 - A. He shared Christ’s grace. (v. 8)
 - B. He shared Christ’s power. (v. 8)
 - C. He showed Christ’s wisdom. (v. 10)
 - D. He shared Christ’s rejection. (Vv. 13–14)

- II. The Message of Stephen.
 - A. The false hope of land. (Acts 7:4–5; 9–10; 30–34, 36)
 - B. The false hope of Moses and the Law. (Vv. 37–40)
 - C. The false hope of the temple. (Vv. 47–50)
 - D. The false hope of your hearts. (Vv. 51–53)

- III. The Murder of Stephen. (Acts 7:54–60)
 - A. What he said.
 - B. What he saw.
 - C. What he showed.

How Do I “Stand Tall” in a Hostile World?

1. Declare the truth.
2. Defend your faith.
3. Die to self.
4. Determine to trust.
5. Demonstrate love.