

# VOLUME 11, UNIT 31, SESSION 3 (CSB)

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## **SHARING THE GOSPEL REQUIRES WISDOM** (ACTS 6:8-15).

<sup>8</sup> Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup> Opposition arose, however, from some members of the Freedmen's Synagogue, composed of both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, and they began to argue with Stephen. <sup>10</sup> But they were unable to stand up against his wisdom and the Spirit by whom he was speaking. <sup>11</sup> Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We heard him speaking blasphemous words against Moses and God." <sup>12</sup> They stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; so they came, seized him, and took him to the Sanhedrin. <sup>13</sup> They also presented false witnesses who said, "This man never stops speaking against this holy place and the law. <sup>14</sup> For we heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us." <sup>15</sup> And all who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at him and saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

## **SHARING THE GOSPEL REQUIRES BOLDNESS** (ACTS 7:51-53).

<sup>51</sup> "You stiff-necked people with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are always resisting the Holy Spirit. As your ancestors did, you do also. <sup>52</sup> Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They even killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become. <sup>53</sup> You received the law under the direction of angels and yet have not kept it."

## **SHARING THE GOSPEL REQUIRES SACRIFICE** (ACTS 7:54-60).

<sup>54</sup> When they heard these things, they were enraged and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven. He saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> He said, "Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup> They yelled at the top of their voices, covered their ears, and together rushed against him. <sup>58</sup> They dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. And the witnesses laid their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" <sup>60</sup> He knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" And after saying this, he fell asleep.

