

➤ **Stand like Stephen – when opposition comes**

Acts 6:8-10

8 Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people. 9 Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. These men began to argue with Stephen, 10 but they could not stand up against his wisdom or the Spirit by whom he spoke.

Acts 6:11-14

11 Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak words of blasphemy against Moses and against God." 12 So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. 13 They produced false witnesses, who testified, "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. 14 For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us."

blasphemy = speaking profanely, offensively, irreverently toward God

Four symbols of Judaism in the 1st century:

- The temple
- The law (Torah)
- The holy city (Jerusalem)
- The bloodline (pure Jewish ethnicity)

"Jesus destroyed the temple the way a homecoming from Saudi Arabia destroys the need for letters. He destroyed the temple the way the rising sun destroys the need for streetlights and headlights. He destroyed the temple the way a descending reality destroys its shadow."

– John Piper

➤ **Stand like Stephen – when the "time to raise your voice" comes**

Acts 7:1-2

1 Then the high priest asked him, "Are these charges true?" 2 To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia..."

Acts 7:51-52

51 "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! 52 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"

➤ **Stand like Stephen – when the end comes**

Acts 7:55-56

55 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. 56 "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

"I go with a gladness of a boy bounding away from school, I feel so strong in Christ."

– Adoniram Judson

“Where is Jesus, my never-failing friend?” – Jonathan Edwards (as he drew his final breath)

Grief at its core is love without a home.

When Jesus sees one of His own coming to the end, HE STANDS...
to welcome them and accompany them to their eternal home.

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