

Sunday, 10-09-22

**Stephen's Arrest and Speech**  
**Bible Background: Acts 6:8-7:53**  
**Printed Text: Acts 6:8-7:2A KJV/NLT**  
**Devotional Reading: Proverbs 8:1-11**

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**Aim for Change:**

1. **DISCUSS** the stand that Stephen took as a response to his faith
  2. **FEEL** motivated to confront the principalities and powers of our day
  3. **SEEK** the power and wisdom of the Spirit in our efforts to speak the truth
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**Devotional Reading:**

- **Thursday – Proverbs 8:1-11**
    - (v. 2) What direction has your wisdom led you? – *Psalm 5:1-7*
    - (v. 8) Are your words backed by your actions? – *Psalm 17:1-6*
    - (v. 11) How do you get wisdom? – *Acts 2:38-47; Revelation 1:3*
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**Focal Verses:**

- **Sunday – Acts 6:8-7:2A**
    - (v. 8) What gifts have you exercised? Does your gift(s) bring edification or cause division? – *John 4:48-53; Romans 12:6-13; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Ephesians 4:7-12*
    - (vv. 9-11) How do you respond when falsely accused? Has your deceit finally been exposed? – *2 Kings 17:13-16; Isaiah 50:4-8; Matthew 10:20-22; Luke 21:15-19*
    - (vv. 12-15) How do you have peace in the middle of persecution? Do you give in to fit in or do you stand firm in Christ? – *Exodus 4:10-12; Matthew 26:59-64*
    - (v. 2A) Why is it so difficult to listen to the Spirit? Why argue with foolishness? – *Proverbs 8:32-36; 9:9-12; Ecclesiastes 10:11-15*
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**Daily Readings:**

- **Monday – Isaiah 59:1-8**
  - (vv. 2-3) If you feel separated from God, what have you done about it? – *Jeremiah 16:10-13*
  - (vv. 7-8) Where are you running to? Have you prepared for the run? – *Proverbs 4:10-16; Isaiah 40:31*
- **Tuesday – Jeremiah 8:22-9:9**
  - (vv. 3-5) Have you trained your lies to become your truth? – *Jeremiah 8:4-6; 23:18-27*
  - (vv. 6-9) Is your heart refusing to know God, while your lip service is faking the funk? – *Isaiah 1:19-21*
- **Wednesday – Zechariah 8:14-19**
  - (v. 17) Where does your spiritual imagination lead you? – *Isaiah 55:6-13*
  - (v. 19) Do you fast for the truth? – *3 John 1:3-8*
- **Friday – John 16:12-15**
  - (v. 13) How are you guided if you're a believer? – *Exodus 15:11-18; Psalm 25*
  - (v. 15) How do you see what you can't touch? – *John 14:16-18, 26*
- **Saturday – Acts 6:1-7**
  - (v. 1) Why should we expect the pastor to take care of the less fortunate if we're family? – *Exodus 18:17-23; Deuteronomy 1:13-18*
  - (vv. 3-4) Have you met the prerequisites of a servant of Christ or are you just a spectator? Does your servitude help pastor focus on prayer and the word of God? Or does your drama hinder God's work through the work of the pastor? – *2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Philippians 4:4-9; 1 Timothy 5:10-13; Hebrews 6:1-6; 3 John 1:12*

\*\*Note – ***Bold/Italicized*** scripture(s) are additional scriptural reference(s) that may be read during class\*\*

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