

Sunday – March 17, 2024



***"If Looks Could Kill"***  
**Acts 6:8-15**

We talk about persecution. We hear about persecution, but very few of us understand what true persecution is- or even how we would face it if it came upon us.

**KEY VERSE:** *"But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke."* (Acts 6:10)

When pushed in my faith, how should I respond?

**Sharing my faith requires** \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 6:8-10

How do people \_\_\_\_\_ me?

**Proverbs 9:10** *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.*

How often do I seek God's wisdom when trying to share my faith?

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**Read 1 Corinthians 1:22.**

What am I preaching in my sharing about Jesus?

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**Sharing my faith requires** \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 7:1-3.

Do I \_\_\_\_\_ before I \_\_\_\_\_?

Stephen faced a moment when he could have denied Jesus, like Peter did. But he stood firm.

Can you think of a time when maybe you backed down in a discussion because it was easy to do so? What could you have done differently?

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Read Acts 7:51-53. Stephen continued to tell the truth as God led him, even when it was uncomfortable. Can you remember a time when you did the same? How were received?

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**Sharing my faith requires** \_\_\_\_\_

Read Acts 7:54-60.

Will I \_\_\_\_\_ the cost?

Read Hebrews 12:1-3. How can Stephen's example and the words from Hebrews encourage me to stand firm?

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**This week**

Will I ask God for the wisdom and courage I need to share the truth about Jesus? To whom and when?

Am I willing share in the cost of following Jesus?

Have I committed my life to following Jesus?

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Next Week: "Palm Sunday – Am I Hemmed in, or Breaking Out?"