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- I. Go to [Acts 6](#). Let's turn our attention to one final Bible character who responded to danger with courage and conviction. Read [Acts 6:8-15](#). Summarize the situation at hand. Why are the Jews opposing Stephen? What kind of man was he? (Note verse 3-5) Does noble character sometimes cause problems? Explain your answer.
- II. In answer to the High Priests' prodding, Stephen gives an outstanding discourse of Jewish history in [Acts 7](#). Pick up by reading verses 51-53. At this point, Stephen turns the tables on the Jews. What does he accuse them of? Is he right, or was he too harsh? When do we as Christians need to stand up against sin and depravity in others, even those who consider themselves believers?
- III. Now notice the crowd's response to Stephen's message in [Acts 7:54 - 8:4](#). What is the significance of Stephen's vision of Jesus? What kind of example does Stephen leave us in the way that he endured persecution and martyrdom? What kind of impact do you suppose his death had on Saul (Paul)?

*Read [Romans 14:7-8](#) and [Revelation 2:10](#). Ask God to fortify your commitment both to live and die for his glory. Pray that the Holy Spirit would embolden each member of your group to be faithful witnesses for Jesus Christ in our generation.

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