

**Acts 6:8-15 NKJV** And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. 10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. 11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." 12 And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council. 13 They also set up false witnesses who said, "This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law; 14 for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us." 15 And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.

**Acts 7:54-60 NKJV** When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, 56 and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; 58 and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

## Glowing Through

### 1. Get A Glimpse Of Jesus And Choose Forgiveness.

- **Acts 7:55 NKJV** But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
- **Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- **Acts 7:60 NKJV** ... "Lord, do not charge them with this sin."
- **Ephesians 4:32 NKJV** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

#### a) Difficult

- **Romans 12:19 NKJV** Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

## b) Divine

- **Romans 12:20-21** NKJV Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## c) Detoxing

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## 2. Live To Get A Standing Ovation Into Glory.

- **Acts 7:55** NKJV But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God,
- **1 Corinthians 10:31** NKJV Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- **Acts 5:13-14** NKJV And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)
- **2 Timothy 4:6-8** MSG You take over. I’m about to die, my life an offering on God’s altar. This is the only race worth running. I’ve run hard right to the finish, believed all the way. All that’s left now is the shouting—God’s applause! Depend on it, he’s an honest judge. He’ll do right not only by me, but by everyone eager for his coming.
- **Matthew 5:39** whoever strikes you on one cheek turn the other cheek to them
- **Matthew 5:44** to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us
- **Matthew 6:14** if you forgive people then God will forgive you
- **Acts 7:59** NKJV And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

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## 3. We Become Part Of God’s Eternal Story.

- **Acts 7:60** NKJV Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.”

### Promises like:

- **Romans 8:28** And we know that all things work together for the good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose
- **Ephesians 3:20** Now unto him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think
- **Philippians 4:19** my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus
- **1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.
- **Hebrews 4:16** Come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** If any man be in Christ he is a new creation, old things are passed away and all things become new
- **2 Corinthians 12:9** My grace is sufficient for you
- **Philippians 4:7** And the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your heart and minds through Christ Jesus
- **Hebrews 7:25** therefore he is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through him, since He always lives to make intercession for them
- **1 Peter 2:21-24** NKJV For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

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