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We Fight in a SPIRITUAL WAR

Acts 6:5, ...They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit... 8 Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 7:51, You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! 52 Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— 53 you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.

The Enemy Does Not FIGHT FAIR

Acts 6:11, Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, "We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words 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."

Your Weapon Is YOUR WITNESS

Revelation 12:11, They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives

so much as to shrink from death.

- **Stand on SPIRITUAL AND BIBLICAL WISDOM**

Acts 6:10, But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

- **Live Out GODLY CHARACTER**

Acts 6:15, *All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.*

Remember: Even If the Enemy Seems to Win, GOD WORKS ALL THINGS FOR HIS GLORY AND OUR GOOD

Romans 8:28, *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Acts 7:54, *When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. 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." 57 At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, 58 dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.*

Acts 22:2, *...Then Paul said: 3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors. I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. 4 I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, 5 as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify.*

Acts 22:11, *My companions led me by the hand into Damascus, because the brilliance of the light had blinded me. 12 "A man named Ananias came to see me. He was a devout observer of the law and highly respected by all the Jews living there. 13 He stood beside me*

and said, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very moment I was able to see him. 14 "Then he said: 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. 15 You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.'

Acts 22:19, *"'Lord,' I replied, 'these people know that I went from one synagogue to another to imprison and beat those who believe in you. 20 And when the blood of your martyr Stephen was shed, I stood there giving my approval and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.' 21 "Then the Lord said to me, 'Go!"*