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1. Our Lives Can be Full of Faith

Acts 6:8a

And Stephen, full of faith...

Acts 6:7

And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

2. Our Lives Should be Full of Power

Acts 6:8b-10

... and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

⁹ Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called *the*synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of
them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. ¹⁰ And they were
not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

Luke 21:15

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

3. Our Lives May Still be Full of Pain Acts 6:11-14

Then they suborned **[to introduce by collusion]** men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God. ¹² And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council, ¹³ And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law: ¹⁴ For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

Matthew 26:59-61

Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; ⁶⁰ But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, *yet* found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, ⁶¹ And said, This *fellow* said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

Jeremiah 7:8-10

Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. ⁹ Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; ¹⁰ And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

Acts 15:1

And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

Galatians 2:4

And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

4. Our Lives Ought to be Full of Wonder

Acts 6:15

And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Exodus 34:30

And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.

2 Corinthians 3:2

Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: