

Transformation Card

This page provides an overview of the message and resources for individual and group study.

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Full Msg. Title: How **Stephen Bore Witness to the Jewish Leaders – Part 1**

Short Ver. Title: Stephen's Witness – Part 1

Sub-Title*: Acts

Text: Acts 7:1-10

Key Words: Stephen, Abraham, Mesopotamia, Haran, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Egypt

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Message Outline

How Stephen Bore Witness to the Jewish Leaders – Part 1

- I. He Established His Personal **Affinity** with His Audience and His **Respect** for Them
- II. He Began by Drawing their Attention to **God's Activity** in their own **History**
- III. He Continued with God's Activity in the Lives of **Abraham** and the **Patriarchs**

God's Word for Devotions

1. Acts 6
2. Psalm 29
3. Acts 7
4. Gen 11:31; 15:7

Talk About It with Your Friends and Family

1. What were the accusations brought against Stephen to which he was asked to bring a defense?
2. If you were Stephen, how would you have responded?
3. How did Stephen begin his defense by way of tone and starting point?
4. Who are the people that Stephen sees fit to mention?
5. Where are the places that Stephen sees fit to mention?
6. How is Stephen choosing to answer the high priest?
7. Scan ahead to 7:51-53, what is Stephen's tone there?
8. How does Stephen close out his witness in 54-60?

Memory and Meditation Verse

"Hear me, brethren and fathers! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran..." Acts 7:2 (NASB)

Community Life

1. Donations appreciated for Bibles for the Church in the Philippines
2. Summer Community Groups begin this week

Next Week

Focus Text: Acts 7:11-45. Simply read this passage and remind yourselves of this history, reading the cross referenced Old Testament Scriptures that you may be able to engage with Stephen's point rather than be confused with the minutia of history.