



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Spiritual Strength from Jesus May 15, 2021

Acts 7:54-60

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.

1. Name someone who is good at encouraging you. What do they do that encourages you?
2. What things in the past month have required spiritual strength from you?

3. What parts of Stephen's story indicate his spiritual strength? (You can review his story in Acts 6 and 7).
4. Many details in Stephen's story are also part of Jesus' story. Agree or disagree: Every Christian's life will resemble Jesus' life.
5. Give some examples of where the unbelieving world directs people to look for inner strength. For each example evaluate its benefits and pitfalls.
6. From what source did Stephen find spiritual strength? How can you tell?
7. What are the three places you most often look for spiritual strength?
8. In John 17:6-18, Jesus prays for his disciples. Which parts of his prayer apply best to Stephen's needs in our text? Which parts apply best to you right now?
9. Jesus strengthens us through his word. As a group, list seven ways you can hear God's word this week.
10. Who could use some spiritual encouragement from you this week? Plan one way to help them see Jesus.