



Stephen's Witness

April 18, 2021

Acts 6:1—7:2a, 44-60

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

God of might, your messengers' words were not always well received, but they were full of your truth. Give us courage to speak out in the face of injustice and opposition, confident that you will strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. (Acts 6:8)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Stephen was called to serve the widows and to proclaim the radical words of justice and peace to a weary and unjust world. It cost him his life, but the effects of his words still have positive effects on people today.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

How do you use words? Do you use words to hurt or to heal?

Do your words matter?

What would you give your life for?

For the littles: What is your favorite word? Why?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless the words you speak and the words you hear. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Read over the texts you've sent and what you've posted in the past week. Evaluate whether your words are healing or hurtful.



**Go Deeper:** Visit [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions).

Monday: *Saul Persecutes the Church*, Acts 8:1-25

Tuesday: *The Conversion of Saul*, Acts 9:1-19a

Wednesday: *Saul Preaches in Damascus*, Acts 9:19b-31

Thursday: *Peter and Cornelius*, Acts 10:1-33

Friday: *Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit*, Acts 10:34-48

Saturday: *Peter in Prison*, Acts 12:1-19