

**Series: A THRIVING HEART (9/14/25)**

**Title: Standing Alone**

**Text: (Acts 6-7)**

Steven ~ name means ‘Crown’

Preached a Powerful Message:

(Acts 7:54) Cut to the heart. (Heb 4:12)

(Vs 57) They Shrieked, They could not handle it!

**Steven was the 1st Christian Martyr.**

(Acts 6:8) Full of Faith and Power.

(Acts 6:15) He had a face like an Angel.

(Acts 6:3) Full of the Holy Ghost.

(Acts 6:3) Full of Wisdom!

(Acts 6:8) Full of Faith!

(Acts 6:8) Full of Power!

**The Secret to standing for Jesus is to be Filled with the Holy Ghost.**

To filled with the Holy Ghost is to Be empty of Self  
1st, You have to be saved: (Rom 8:9)

**1. Stephen was full of wisdom: (Acts 6:10)**

His message was a review of Bible history.

It was not his knowledge, but his wisdom,

It was a supernatural gift from God. (Lk 21:12-15)

**2. Stephen was full of power to stand (Acts 7:51)**

He was an ordinary Christian. (Matt 10:28)

WE Must NOT be afraid. (2 Tim 1:7-8)

**3. Stephen was full of Faith to Suffer for Christ:**

Faith doesn't enable you to Escape Suffering

Faith enables your to Endure Suffering. (Acts 7:57-59)

It costs to serve Jesus. (2 Tim 3:12)(Acts 6:8)

‘Witness & ‘Martyr’ are same Greek word. ~ *Maritoos*  
(Acts 1:8) “*Witness*” - (Acts 22:20) “*Martyr*”

(Heb 11:32-38) Vs 35, “The OTHER SIDE of FAITH”

Do you have faith to Escape or Endure?

Do you have faith to be Delivered or DIE?

Do you have faith to not be Healed & STILL Praise God?

Faith is NOT receiving what you want from God.

Faith is Receiving what God gives you!

(James 1:12) (Rev 2:10) The Crown of Life!

(Acts 7:58) Martyr and Witness are the Same Thing!

Saul Never got over that Moment.

Saul never found Rest until he rested in Jesus.

The Pricks ~ The Ox Goads: (Acts 9:5)

The Conviction of the Holy Spirit: (Acts 22:20)

The greatest Missionary and Theologian the world has ever  
known received Everlasting Life from the Witness/Martyr of  
Steven!

Who will find Christ Through your Suffering?

Who has found Christ through your Comfortable Life?

Who has found Christ through your Casual Faith?

Who has found Christ through your Convenient Worship?