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"The Cross & the Crown (Part 2)"

Acts 7:1-60

Today's BIG IDEA:
As we walk with Jesus, we will share in his suffering and his reward.

REVIEW OF PART 1 *(Acts 6:8-15)*

1. Be POWERFUL in Jesus *(v.8)*

- *If you want to work in the power of Jesus, you have to walk in the presence of Jesus.*

2. PERSUADE others to Jesus *(v.9-10)*

- *We don't have to know all the answers, but we'd better be walking with the one who does.*

3. Face PERSECUTION like Jesus *(v.11-14)*

- *When we walk in truth, the world will always lie about us.*

4. PORTRAY Jesus *(v.15)*

- *We won't reflect Jesus if we aren't walking in the light of Jesus.*

5. _____ Jesus *(v.1-53)*

- *The most loving way to preach is to tell the truth. And the ultimate truth is found in Jesus.*

6. _____ your eyes to Jesus *(v.54-56)*
(Hebrews 12:1b-3)

- *When Stephen's world was raining rocks, he turned his eyes to Jesus, and the glory of Christ sustained him.*

7. _____ your faith in Jesus *(v.57-59)*
(Luke 23:46)

- *The times when we are tempted to turn from Jesus are the times when we need to press into him even more.*

8. _____ like Jesus *(v.60)*
(Matthew 5:44; 6:14-15; Luke 23:34; Ephesians 4:32)

- *We forgive because Christ has forgiven us.*

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One final thought:

God, help me to be like _____, because _____ was a lot like _____.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Stephen quoted a lot of Scripture in his response to the council. Have you hidden God's Word in your heart? If not, why not?
2. Have you seen someone else press into Jesus in their moment of deepest pain? How were they blessed? Have you seen someone turn from Jesus in their moment of deepest pain? How were they even more discouraged?
3. Is there someone in your life that has "thrown rocks at you" that you need to forgive? Why should you forgive them?

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