

9. Note the shift from “our” to “you” and “your” in **V51-53**. In your own words, what is Stephen’s accusation against the religious leaders and where do you see spiritual stubbornness in your own heart?

10. According to **V54-60**, how did the Sanhedrin react to Stephen’s sermon and his vision? How are you inspired by Stephen’s final words?

11. REFLECT ON THE WORDS OF JESUS

Stephen was martyred for his faith in **Jesus** and faced his death with courage and grace. **Jesus** said, “**Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.**” **Luke 9:23-24**. Spend some time prayerfully considering the implications of denying yourself and taking up your cross, what that meant for Stephen, and what that means for you.

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