

The First Martyr – Our Example

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Primary Text: *Acts 7:48-60*

Primary point: **The greatest witness is a life fully lived fixed on Jesus.**

1.) We need to live with the same focus of Stephen

Our lives can preach louder than our words.

Our lives lose focus when caught up in preferences or tradition.

2.) We need to die with the same focus of Stephen

The presence of Jesus will be our focus.

Fear will not be our focus.

3.) We need to witness with the same focus of Stephen

He was crystal clear on who Jesus is.

His fearlessness confirmed his witness.

His compassion and forgiveness confirmed his witness.

Application questions:

- 1.) Whose life has preached to you?
- 2.) What preferences are you making into idols?
- 3.) How has this message helped you in looking at your own death?
- 4.) How do compassion and fear interact when witnessing?
- 5.) Who do you need to forgive today?