**Part 11 – The After Party**

**Standing till the end.**

**How to stand till the end.**

**Acts 6:8**

**Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)**

**Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.**

* **Ask God for His Wisdom.**

**Luke 21:13**

**This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.**

**James 1:5**

**If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.**

**Proverbs 9:10**

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.**

**Acts 6:15**

**At this point everyone in the high council stared at Stephen, because his face became as bright as an angel’s.**

* **Let your light shine.**

**Matthew 5:14-17**

 **You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.**

**Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.**

**In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**

**1 John 1:6-8**

**So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth.**

**But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

**Acts 7:54**

**When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him.**

**But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”**

**Matthew 10:32-33**

**Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.**

**Acts 7:57-59**

**At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.**

**Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.**

**While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.**

* **Know where you’re headed.**

**John 14:2-3**

**My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?**

**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.**

**Acts 7:60**

**Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.**

* **Take no grudges to the grave.**