



So Predictable - Acts 7:1-60

1. Stephen begins his address to the council with a greeting that denotes respect. Stephen says, "Brothers and fathers, hear me." Why is it essential to respond to attack with wisdom? What does responding with wisdom look like to you?
2. Stephen shares a brief highlight reel of Jewish history, starting with Abraham and moving through Moses, David, and Solomon. Why did Stephen give this overview instead of just defending himself directly?
3. In the story that Stephen gives about Abraham, Stephen directly highlights that God pulled Abraham out of his comfort zone and thrust him into a life of faith as God told him to, 'Go out from your land and your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.' Genesis 12:1. Is your walk with Jesus an adventure in faith? Has your walk with Jesus become too comfortable? Is God calling you out of your comfort into a deeper life of faith in him?
4. As Stephen moves into speaking about Moses, he highlights that God's people had begun to wonder if he had forgotten about them because it had been over 400 years since he gave the promise to Abraham? Have you ever struggled with waiting on God's timing? Have you thought that God had forgotten you or his promises? What should we do when we get into a place where we doubt God and his faithfulness?
5. The people of God (including us) have long struggled with wavering back and forth between commitment to God and his ways and the enticement of the things of this world. How do we fight against our walk with Jesus becoming one of apathy and stagnation?
6. At the end of this tragic and glorious story, Stephen calls the counsel "stiff-necked people," "uncircumcised in heart and ears," "always resisting the Holy Spirit." How do we avoid a similar indictment? How can we make sure we are receptive to what the Holy Spirit is doing instead of rebuffing the Holy Spirit because we fear change?