May 14, 2017 "A Man Who Walked The Talk" (Acts 7: 55-60)

It's impressive when someone who believes in God bears
to their faith – particularly when it could cost them their
An important element in this story concerns a prominent witness to the stoning of Stephen. His name was
As we look at Stephen's witness, let's look at our own witness. Do we have what Stephen had?
#1 Note the of Stephen's witness.
He what he professed.
The world despises a
Could another person be by the quality of your love your kindness, your life?
Many of us who are believers need to begin in our own
It is so easy to preach, but so much more difficult to
We cannot know the deep fulfillment of Christian living unless it is and unless it is day!
#2 Stephen's to pay any price for his faith.
This may be the most aspect of Christian discipleship today – our unwillingness to pay a price.
We are a generation of people committed to the wide road – to at any cost.
To live without is a myth.
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Many of us do not realize that and run together.
Taking up the cross means doing whatever it takes even if it is far outside our zone.
According to Ralph Sockman, there are 3 kinds of trouble: 1. There is trouble we avoid. 2. There is trouble we avoid. 3. The trouble we avoid.
If we can only be " Christians," our level of commitment is inadequate!
Stephen didn't seek to suffer. He merely sought to be
#3. – Stephen was willing to those who had wronged him. There is something within most of us that cherishes the idea of
Forgiveness is more beneficial to the person who it than the person who it.
Bitterness and resentment at the soul. Forgiveness is and a key to lasting joy.
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Very few conversions occur in a