

## Acts 7

### “Contending for the Faith”

\*A Christ-like example of giving the “Reason for Hope”

#### 1. V1 Ceasing the Moment of Faith

- i. Be ready (Study to find yourself approved) Are these things so?
- ii. Are you ready to answer WHY you are a Christian? Why do you believe the bible to be true? What is the Gospel?

#### 2. V2-50 Contending for the Faith (*God is a Pilgrim God- He is NOT confined to a building or geographical location*)

- i. V2-8 Abraham (Patriarchal Period) **God was with them**
- ii. V9-16 Joseph (Egyptian Exile to Bury Jacob) **God was with them**
- iii. V17-44 Moses (Exodus and Wilderness Wanderings) **God was with them.**
- iv. V45-50 David/Solomon (Establishment of the Monarchy/Tempel) **God was with them.**

\*According to God’s covenant promises wherever His people are there He is also (He is our Immanuel)

#### 3. V51-60 Counting the Cost of Faith

- i. The cross of Christ is a stone of offense (*Men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil – John 3:19*)-**People will accept or reject the message**
- ii. To live is Christ and to Die is gain (If we live, we live unto the Lord if we die, we die unto the Lord, whether we live or die we are the Lords- Romans 14)

\*I am a Christian because\_\_\_\_\_.

\*I believe the bible because\_\_\_\_\_.

\*I can explain the Gospel. S\_\_\_\_\_. S\_\_\_\_\_. S\_\_\_\_\_.

