

HIDDEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT HEROES

The Man Who Killed Two People with a Single Spear Numbers 25

The Zeal of Phinehas...

People with zeal...

- Do something.
- Do something righteous.
- Do something righteous for God.

Getting Started:

Who do you admire that you might call zealous? It may be a public/historical figure or may be someone you know.

Digging In:

How does Ps 106:28-31 describe Phinehas' action? What is Phinehas doing when Zimri and Cozbi enter the tent (vs 6-7)? How does God view those who attempt to morally corrupt and spiritual deceive his children (see Numbers 25:16-18; Numbers 31:1-18)? Is it hard for you to imagine that spiritual attacks are as dangerous as military attacks? Read Psalm 69:1-17. What does this Psalm tell us about the loneliness that a person with zeal for God may experience. How do these verses affirm the idea that zeal for God is a good thing (Jn 2:12-17; Ro 12:11; Gal 4:18)?

Living It Out:

Would you want your friends to describe you as "zealous for God"? Why or why not? What would you say to a friend who finds herself being pressured to do something she believes is wrong? Can you name an area of your life where you are forced to stand up for what is right?