

Stranger Stories WK 3

Numbers 25:6-9 (ESV)

6 And behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought a Midianite woman to his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the people of Israel, while they were weeping in the entrance of the tent of meeting.**7** When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose and left the congregation and took a spear in his hand **8** and went after the man of Israel into the chamber and pierced both of them, the man of Israel and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague on the people of Israel was stopped .**9** Nevertheless, those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.

1. Our Flesh Can Affect Our Humanity

1 John 4:4

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We can't let our Flesh overcome where Jesus has established Freedom!

2. Our Passivity Affects Our Culture

"They worshipped God out of crisis, and they worshipped Baal out of convenience." - Johnny Hunt

"CULTURE: Decide it, Define it, Declare it, Develop it, and Defend it." — Jeff Ables

3. Our Ferver Affects Our Family

Numbers 25:10-13

10 And the Lord said to Moses, **11** "Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, has turned back my wrath from the people of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I did not consume the people of Israel in my jealousy. **12** Therefore say, 'Behold, I give to him my covenant of peace, **13** and it shall be to him and to his descendants after him the covenant of a perpetual priesthood, because he was jealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel.'"

James 5:16

...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.