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# LIFE TEEN PARENT LETTER

*Thank you for allowing your teen to join us tonight at Life Teen. Below you'll find some information about tonight's topic. Please dialogue with your teen and encourage them to share what they learned.*

## **LIFE NIGHT: DANGEROUS**

### **CONTENT OVERVIEW**

#### **We Are Dangerous**

When we live in the love of God, are satisfied in Him, and reject worldly substitutes and counterfeits of love, we live dangerous lives.

This is also called holiness. In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word "Kadosch," holy, means being separated from the worldly. We can see this definition demonstrated by looking at the Jewish Temple.

The Temple held the presence of God; it held holiness itself. Because of this, it had several layers of separation between the holiness of God and the sinfulness of man. There was an outer court, inner court, holy place, and holy of holies. With each layer, fewer people had access. Only the high priest could enter the holy of holies and only once a year.

The holy of holies held the presence of God and was separated from the holy place with a veil. The word "veil" in Hebrew means, a divider or separator that hides. The veil shielded a holy God from sinful man. The whole Temple structure set the holiness of God apart from the sinfulness of man.

#### **St. Stephen - The Dangerous**

By being holy and living differently, we cause people to come face to face with how they are living and to ask themselves "am I living right, am I missing something?" If they are missing Christ and aren't willing to change, this question makes them uncomfortable and can lead to persecution.

One of the first people to be persecuted for their faith was St. Stephen. He was dangerous. His preaching made people uncomfortable, and they put him to death for what he believed. He was the first martyr of the faith. (Acts 6-8)

#### **Dangerous Living Is Extraordinary Living**

Jesus's sacrificial death on the Cross made holiness available to all, not just the high priest who had access to the holy of holies. When Jesus died, the veil was torn in half, from top to bottom. Only God could have done such an incredible feat because the veil was too high for human hands to reach and too thick for human hands to tear. Modern replicas represent the veil as 60 feet tall, 30 feet wide and four inches thick. As the veil was torn, the holy of holies was exposed. God's presence was poured out to the whole world, to all people.

### **CONVERSATION STARTERS**

1. How does holiness challenge mediocrity and inspire extraordinary living?
2. What does extraordinary living mean to you?
3. Ask your teen to share their testimony with you. In return, you could share yours.