

## What Drives You?

“**I looked for a man** among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but **I found none.**” - *Ezekiel 22:30 NIV*

So I say, **live by the Spirit**, and you will not **gratify the desires of the sinful nature**. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you **do not do what you want.** - *Galatians 5:16-17 NIV*

“Out of the **eater**, something **to eat**; out of the **strong**, something **sweet.**” For three days they could not give the answer. - *Judges 14:14 NIV*

Before sunset on the seventh day the men of the town said to him, “What is sweeter than **honey?** What is stronger than a **lion?**” Samson said to them, “If you had not **plowed with my heifer**, you would not have solved my riddle.” - *Judges 14:18 NIV*

Samson Was \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVEN, Not \_\_\_\_\_ LED!

### EMOTIONS THAT TAKE STRONG MEN DOWN

1. Samson \_\_\_\_\_ With \_\_\_\_\_ !

He went down to Ashkelon, struck down thirty of their men, stripped them of their belongings and gave their clothes to those who had explained the riddle. **Burning with anger**, he went up to his father’s house. And Samson’s wife was given to the friend who had attended him at his wedding. - *Judges 14:19-20 NIV*

2. Samson \_\_\_\_\_ With \_\_\_\_\_ !

Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he grabbed it and **struck down a thousand men**. Then Samson said, “With a donkey’s jawbone **I have made donkeys of them**. With a donkey’s jawbone **I have killed a thousand men.**”

- *Judges 14:15-16 NIV*

### A STRONG MAN’S GREATEST NEED

- If You Let Your \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVE You To \_\_\_\_\_,  
God Will \_\_\_\_\_ Your DEEPEST \_\_\_\_\_ !

Because he was very thirsty, **he cried out to the Lord**, “You have given your servant this great victory. Must I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?” Then God opened up the hollow place in Lehi, and water came out of it. When Samson drank, **his strength returned** and **he revived.** - *Judges 15:18-19 NIV*

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Describe a time when you let your emotions get the best of you. What resulted from your emotion-driven actions?
- Samson was emotion-driven and not Spirit-led. Why do you think so many men allow themselves to be driven by their emotions instead of being driven by God?
- How has your unchecked anger affected you and those you love? What unchecked anger in your life do you need to own up to immediately?
- What does EGO look like in your life? Where do you seem to struggle the most with pride?
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week to be filled and led by God’s Spirit?