



Message Notes

It's Not Too Late

- Your future can be **GREATER** than your past
- God has always made a way for us to escape our past and deliver us into a greater and much better future
 - You **CAN'T**, and God **WON'T** change your past
 - You **CAN**, and God **WILL** change your future

Background

Judges 13

- The Lord handed Israel over to the Philistines (v.1)
- Manoah and wife (Hazelelponi) were promised a son (vv.2-3,5)
- Samson's birth was a **MIRACLE**
- God blessed Samson (v.24)

*Samson was a man of faith,
but he certainly wasn't a faithful man.*

Judges 14

- Samson chose women above **GOD**
- Samson chose women above **FAMILY** (vv.1-3)
 - Cf. Exodus 34:12-16, Deuteronomy 7:1-3; 1 John 2:16
- Samson was a man of riddles (vv.12-20)
- Samson was a murderer (vv.19) **Judges 15** (vv.1-20)

Judges 16

- Samson spent the night with a prostitute (v.1)
- Samson's next love interest was Delilah
- Delilah schemed to turn Samson over to the Philistines (vv.4-22)
- Samson was a Nazarite: 3 "Nots" of a Nazarite (**Numbers 6**)
 - Not drink wine (vv.3-4)
 - Not cut hair (v.5)
 - Not come into contact with a dead person (vv.6-8)
- Samson's **STRENGTH** comes from God
- Samson's actions caused God's strength to leave him (vv.20-22)

Samson's Victory

- The Philistines wanted to humiliate Samson (v.25)
- Samson used his strength to kill 3,000 Philistines (vv.28-31)
- You can't look at Samson's life without seeing the **REASON** for his life
- Samson's **PURPOSE** is to begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines – that's exactly what he did
- Samson did not let Delilah define him, God **DEFINED** him

Your Choice

- It ain't over yet! It ain't over until God says it's over!
- Your future can be greater than your past!