

## **TEXT: Judges 13-16**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **Big Idea: Jesus Dies for His Enemies**

#### **Judges 14:1-3**

Samson is promised to his parents though they have been unable to have children and he is the one who will begin to save Israel from the Philistines. Now as an adult, Samson is following his own desires and plans instead of seeking wisdom from God and those in his life.

- When have you sought wisdom from God and others before making a decision? When do you wish you had sought wisdom from God and others before making a decision?

Samson is completely disobeying God by marrying an unbeliever, something his parents try to point out to him. Though he knows what is right, he chooses to deliberately disregard it and do what he wants instead.

- In what ways do we completely disregard what God has clearly said and choose to do what we want instead?

#### **Judges 14:4-9**

Samson is given great strength by God to tear apart a lion very easily and instead of this growing his faith in God, it grows arrogance. Instead of telling people of what God did, he keeps it a secret.

- What is something God has done in your life that you haven't celebrated with others?

Then Samson breaks his Nazirite vow by touching the body of a dead animal. He keeps this a secret as well instead of confessing his sin and seeking accountability.

- What causes us to keep our sins secret instead of confessing them to one another and seeking accountability?

### **Judges 14:19-10; 15:3-5, 14-16**

Samson goes on a rampage of murdering 30 men to repay a gambling debt, lighting the tails of 300 foxes to burn the Philistines fields, and then killing 1000 men with the jawbone of a donkey. All of this was a result of him doing what seemed right in his own eyes and not seeking wisdom from God and others.

- What consequences do you see in your life because you chose to do what seemed right in the moment instead of seeking wisdom from God and others

### **Judges 16:1-6**

Samson is driven and blinded by his sin, fulfilling his desires instead of obeying God as he was set apart to do. Due to his sin, Samson's relationship with Delilah is impacted to the point of being selfish instead of sacrificial, superficial instead of unconditional.

- How have you experienced your sin damaging your relationships with others?

### **Judges 16:22-31**

Throughout his life and especially in his death we see how Samson was insufficient as a savior but that he pointed us to Jesus who would come to save His people from their sins.

- How does Samson point us to Jesus in his life and death?

### **Overview**

- What do we see of Manoah and his wife's faith in God?
- What was the secret to Samson's strength?
- How do we see the Lord at work in these chapters?