

# JUDGES

THE BLESSED AND THE BROKEN

— TRAIN UP A CHILD —

**Judges 14:1** Now Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. <sup>2</sup> So he went up and told his father and mother, saying, “I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife.” <sup>3</sup> Then his father and mother said to him, “Is there no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” And Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she pleases me well.”

**Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

**Judges 13:24** And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. <sup>25</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

**Judges 14:4** But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.

**James 4:4** You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

## —DISHONORED HIS PARENTS—

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## —DESERTED HIS PROMISE—

**Judges 14:5** Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.  
<sup>6</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.

## —DISTORTED HIS PURPOSE—

**Judges 14:14** So he said to them: “Out of the eater came something to eat, and out of the strong came something sweet.”  
Now for three days they could not explain the riddle.

**Judges 14:18** So the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down: “What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion?” And he said to them: “If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have solved my riddle!”