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Community Group Questions: Judges 13-16

- Samson’s parents devoted his life to God with some very conservative rules. He broke all three and proved to be more devoted to himself than to God. Samson’s parents may have been more devoted to God than he was.
 - How do you try to share your faith with your kids?
 - Why is it challenging to get kids interested in spiritual things?
 - What has been most helpful to your kids?

- People were very impressed with Samson’s strength. And so was he! But his character was lacking.
 - Do you think he deserves to be in the “Hall of Faith” in Hebrews 11:32-40? Why or why not?
 - Do you think there are “good” people and “bad” people? Or, are we all a mix of good and bad? Why do you think so?
 - Should leaders be disqualified from leadership if they have character flaws? Why or why not?
 - Do you think God can still accomplish his purposes through flawed leaders? How does that work?

- Samson seemed to be playing games with people all the time in order to gain power over people. (He liked to fight and he liked to flirt.) It’s almost like he was gambling with his life and calling.
 - Why do you think God allowed Samson to be such a messy leader, with so many chances to get his act together?
 - Why do you think God chose to work through him anyway?
 - Why do you think God eventually withdrew his presence from Samson?

- What do you think Hebrews 11:39-40 means about the judges when it says that “none of them received what was promised” and “God had something better planned for us?”
 - Since Jesus is our “Savior” (deliverer), do you think these judge stories are given to us so we won’t settle for human “hero figures?”
 - How does Jesus compare or contrast with these judge heroes?