

# SERMON OUTLINE Judges 13-16

God Raise up a Judge

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## ***INTRODUCTION***

***JUDGES 13: A Judge is Born***

***JUDGES 14: God uses Samson's marriage as an occasion against the Philistines***

***JUDGES 15 Samson becomes a real thorn in the side of the Philistines***

***JUDGES 16 Disobedience brings a loss of strength, in humility and repentance strength is restored***

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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Samson is a miracle from birth, someone the Lord was raising up to deliver Israel from the rule of the Philistines just as someday Christ would come to earth to die for the sins of the world to deliver us. Samson was the closest person to Superman who ever lived but this Superman was given to the lust of his flesh and he all too often gave in to the worldly desires of his heart. God still used Samson mightily in spite of his failures and in the end when pride, lust and disobedience have caused him to be stripped of his strength he humbles himself and repents and is used for triumph over the Philistines at the end of his life.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Before you heard this sermon what did you think of when you thought of the story of Samson? Did the way you think of it change at all? If so, how?
3. Have you noticed before in scripture God beginning a work in utter obscurity such as with the wife of Manoah?
4. If you were the husband Manoah what would've been your response when your wife told you what the Angel of the Lord told her? Do you think you could've just gone with it or would you have responded like him asking for the Angel of the Lord to come again?
5. If you're Samson and that lion comes roaring at you what is going through your mind? After killing the lion what are you thinking?
6. Do you think you would've responded any differently than the three thousand men sent to get Samson from Etam?
7. Is the blindness of the Philistines to the fact that Samson is being used to display God's power quite remarkable to you? Does it remind you of Pharaoh at all with the 10 plagues?
8. Can you clearly and confidently see that it was only through God that victory is ever given and does not come by any human strength?
9. Do you allow sin to creep in in your life or are you actively fighting against sin?
10. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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11. Ask one godly person who knows you well to be an accountability partner with you.
12. Actively fight against sin, pray daily for the strength and deliverance from besetting so in your life.
13. Strive to love those who've hurt you, put them on your prayer list, pray that you learn to love them the way Christ love us.
14. Have you been burdened to serve in a greater way at Grace? Speak to one of the elders about that burden and how you can be plugged in.

## PRAYER POINTS

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15. Adoration. Praise God for being a loving Father even when we least deserved it.
16. Confess. Confess any areas you are failing to be obedient to the Lord and surrender to Him.
17. Thanksgiving. Thank God for His provision in your life. For work, for shelter, for sustenance, for your church.
18. Supplication. Ask God to give you a heart of boldness, that you would be bold and obedient to Him in your faithfulness to sharing God's Word with others.