

Series: Family Tree  
Message: Samson

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**The story**  
Judges 13-16

**His story, our story**

God uses imperfect people.

Watch out for whom you choose to let influence you.

God is committed to restoration.

**Food for thought**

As you meet with your Life Group this week, use the following questions to continue the conversation. Have a great meeting.

**MY STORY**

What part of this week's message spoke to you or confused you?

What has been a highlight for you personally in this session of life groups?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

Read Judges 13:11-25.

The angel of the Lord appears to Manoah and his wife.

Why would God use such an unlikely couple?

Manoah's questions about how to raise the boy are only answered with the same instructions. What does this teach us about the importance of obedience?

We see God once again intervening in the lives of men that have turned away from him. He chooses to use imperfect people to do the miraculous.

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.

What does Paul say about weakness?

What is your attitude toward personal weakness?

How does your attitude need to change to align with scripture?

Does it take faith to trust God to work in our weakness? If so, why?

Read Judges 17:6 & 21:25

What similarities do you see in today's culture?

How important is it to acknowledge God's sovereignty in your own life today?

**Judges 16:28 (NLT)** Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "Sovereign LORD, remember me again. O God, please strengthen me just one more time. With one blow let me pay back the Philistines for the loss of my two eyes."

Samson asked to be restored as a judge, what he was created to be. Rewrite this verse as a prayer for God to empower you to be what you are created to be.

**Are you in a real authentic relationship with Christ?**

**Take it home**

What areas in your life do you find it more difficult to not compromise? What changes can you make?

When facing a challenge or difficulty do you find yourself looking for more strength from yourself or are you open to the strength God has for you?

Each of us is part of God's story of redemption and Salvation. Are you ready to do your part that God has created, prepared and supernaturally empowered you to do?

**PRAYER TIPS:**

Use these prayer tips to talk it over with God:

- Father, I am created to do great things by the power of the Holy Spirit you have placed in me. Help me to follow your leading in my life and not my own thinking.
- Father I recognize my weakness and my need for you. I pray that in my weakness you will be strong. I will rely confidently on you to be my strength.