

DIGGING DEEPER



These questions are designed for use in our Life Groups, but they also can be used in personal and family devotions.

Series: A Family Portrait
Sermon: From a Will Be to a Has Been
Scripture: Selected Passages in Judges

Getting Started

Think of someone you know personally or have heard about who seemed to possess a lot of potential, but who wasted their life. What was the reason they failed to live up to their potential?

Bible Study Questions

1. What did God tell Samson's parents in Judges 13:5 about the purpose their son would fulfill?
 - How do you imagine that would make them feel?
2. In what way did Samson illustrate a complacent attitude towards his Nazarite vows and the ways of God?
3. Read Judges 15:14-18. How does Samson reveal that he fails to acknowledge the role God plays in his successes?
4. As you read Judges 16:4-21, why do you suppose Samson played around with Delilah as he did concerning the secret of his strength?
5. Despite the way it all turned out, in what way was God's prophecy of Judges 13:5 fulfilled?
 - How does that make you feel?

Apply It

From the application portion of Sunday's sermon, in which of these four areas do you particularly need to seek God's help in applying this lesson?

- Determining God's purpose for my life.
- Adhering more closely to God's ways in order to fulfill my potential.
- Acknowledging God's hand at work in my life.
- Applying lessons learned when I mess up.