



**Samson: When The Strong Become Weak | Birthed With Promise |
Judges 13:1-25**

1. Group challenge: to list as many different promises from God you can think of. (without googling them!)
2. Judges 13:1 Describes the situation Israel was in – Again! What was the recurring problem they faced? What are the challenges for us as Christians in our present-day culture?
3. God steps in by sending an Angel with a message of hope. Consider other situations in the Bible where this happened and their significance to God’s over-all plans. Genesis 18:1 & v9-15, Luke 1:11-17, Luke 1:26-32 & v38.
4. Discuss the reaction and response of Manoah’s wife and then Manoah himself upon hearing God’s message to them. What does it tell us about Samson’s parents and his background? Is there a message of encouragement here for Christian parents and parenting?
5. In these verses, what is God wanting us to understand about His involvement in our lives. Psalm 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:4-5, Galatians 1:11-16.
6. Samson’s parents were entrusted with bringing him up as a Nazarite (Numbers 6) In what way might this have been a preparation for God’s plan in Samson’s life?
7. Samson was to be set apart and dedicated to God. What does being set apart and dedicated to God mean and involve? Does this apply only to Biblical characters or is it relevant for all Christians?
8. v25 ‘and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him’ Discuss what you think this means and why it might be very significant for Samson.
9. Consider the outcome when the Spirit of God stirred/moved in – Luke 2:25-27, Haggai 1:13,14, Acts 8:29-31.
10. In your life story and journey in what way/s has the Spirit of God stirred and moved in you? Share and encourage one another.