



Samson: When The Strong Become Weak | Marriage Riddled With Trouble Judges 14:1-20

1. What's one of the most impulsive things you have ever done or bought? What was the result of your actions?
2. Are you hard-wired to be more cautious or more impulsive? How was Samson wired?
3. Samson was incredibly strong but had a dangerously weak will. In what ways/spheres of life are you strong-willed or weak-willed? Where in life do you feel strongest and/or weakest?
4. What are some of the dangers you've experienced or seen because of having a weak will? Can you think of a time when God's strength has helped you overcome?
5. Discuss Samson's situation in Judges 14:1-20. How does he struggle with lust, entitlement and pride? Can you relate?
6. How should Samson have responded to his parents? At what point should a parent stop speaking into their (grownup) child's life, if at all?
7. Would Samson have benefitted from some accountability beyond his parents? What does accountability look like in your life? How could increased accountability help you?
8. Discuss the ways God is working out his Sovereign plans in this story. How do you reconcile the words of verse 4 and verse 19 which reveal God is at work despite Samson's disobedience and sin? Does Samson really have free will? Why does God equip sinners with his Spirit?
9. Last weekend, Christine described Samson's parents having a good marriage and excellent parenting skills. Can you think of situations where the excellent example of parents has made little difference in educating the actions of their children? What, if anything, are you most grateful for from your own upbringing? If your experience was not positive, how has this impacted your adult life choices?
10. What next steps will you take this week towards changing your attitude and relying more on God's strength and wisdom?