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Fairview Memorial MBC  
Winter Bible Study  
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## **The Development of God's Children**

### **Samson – He's still working on me**

“But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.” Isaiah 64:8

Our main objective is to encourage God's children that God desires to use them and to mold them even in the midst of sinful struggles, bad choices, and temptations to accomplish his plan and purpose. Romans 8:28

#### I. Samson's family background and the importance of Godly parents. Judges 13:1-25

1. The children of Israel were under Philistine rule for 40 years because of sin.
2. A godly mother found favor of the Lord and was promised a child by the angel of the Lord which came to her twice.
3. She was encouraged to take the vow of the Nazarite herself in preparation for her son who would be a Nazarite unto God from the womb.

Nazarite: A Jew who professed extraordinary purity of life and devotion. Numbers 6:1-12

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”  
Proverbs 22:6

#### II. The Lord blessed Samson and he grew even through temptations and mistakes. Judges 14:1-20

1. Samson was led by the Spirit of the Lord. Romans 8:14
2. Why would God allow and even encourage such a marriage of a Nazarite Israelite to a Philistine woman?
3. God used circumstances as the young lion to prepare Samson as he did David and other great servants of the Lord.
4. He also failed to fulfill all of the commands of a Nazarite very early on in his walk with God.

- III. The Lord can and will use even just one of His servants to do miraculous and amazing works to help deliver His people from the enemy. Judges 15:1-20
1. God can use us for His work even if we are angry about a disservice or disgrace done unto us. If we allow God to use us in the right way. Ephesians 4:26 and John 2:13-17
  2. Many times God's people are fearful and afraid of the rulers over them and of what they can do to them. We need a Samson to show us that God is with us! II Kings 6:16
  3. God will continue to use ordinary people to do extraordinary things that will further His cause and Kingdom. I Corinthians 1:26-31
  4. When Samson was in the Spirit it would seem that he could do anything. Don't we feel that way sometimes? Galatians 5:16
- IV. "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door." Genesis 4:7 Read Judges 16:1-31
1. Samson loved strange women and it became a snare to him. We must always be on guard and aware of the temptations that we know will cripple us and abstain from them with everything that is within us. Proverbs 6:20-29 and James 1:12-15
  2. Samson loved Delilah; it seems as though his love for women and worldly lusts belittled his love for the Lord. Matthew 6:24 and I John 2:15-17
  3. Where was Samson's strength after all? Was it in His hair or in something much deeper? I believe his strength was in his vows and service to the Lord. We must never give our strength to another. Proverbs 31:3
- V. A child of God will always be a child of God and nothing can change that. He will continue to mold us and make us into something wonderful if we allow Him to. Jeremiah 18:1-6
1. God desires for us all to be vessels unto honor but many times we end up to dishonor. Let us purge our self from sinfulness and worldliness that hinders our walk with God. II Timothy 2:19-22
  2. We will make mistakes, but thankfully we have a wonderful Father who loves us and disciplines us to be the type of child He desires. Hebrews 12:4-11
  3. We have all sinned and come short of God's glory; instead of judging our brothers and sisters in Christ let us help one another to achieve His purpose for our lives. I John 1:8-10 and Galatians 6:1

Serving God and growing in him doesn't always paint a pretty picture. Sometimes there are sinful struggles that God's children desire to overcome and seemingly never completely do until death. Samson's life wasn't a perfect life at all, and neither will ours be. We must however remember that God used this man miraculously to Judge Israel for twenty years! Let us always consider our frame and recall that we are dust, but dust in the hands of our dear Maker can be molded into something beautiful that He will use for His honor and glory.