

Judges 13:24-25
"Wasted Opportunity"

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1. Introduction

- a. Christian is steward of time
they live out their life
 - time is Christian opportunity
 - Jer 1:5 before Jeremiah grew in womb, God already knew him & his life's purpose
 - Gal 1:15 Paul separated to ministry from mother's womb
- b. Angel tells barren womb to have a son (Judg 13:3-5)
 - son will deliver Israel from Philistines
- c. What is my purpose in my Christian life?
- d. Sampson's life designed to live under Nazarite vow

2. Divine Plan

- a. Sampson placed ⁱⁿ Nazarite vow
 - his mother to follow Nazarite vow during pregnancy (13:4-5)
 - Num 6:2-8 Nazarite vow (Num 6:2-8)
 - sign of special service
 - special diet & special living observances to show separated to God
- b. God's purpose for Christian is holiness

3. Demonstrated Power

- a. No one human could understand Sampson's amazing strength
- b. God's Spirit began to move upon him (13-25)
- c. Sampson goes to town of Timnah
 - he killed lion with bare hands (14:6)
 - Judg 14:5-6
- d. Judg 14:19 he killed 30 men
 - he stirred up a lot of trouble
- e. Judg 15:4-8 Caught 300 foxes, killed Judg 15:13-15 killed 1000 men

4. Distorted Purpose

- a. All humans have sin nature (Rom 7:21)
- b. Christians still have sin nature
 - Paul in (Rom 7:23-24) law of sin

- 4c. ~~Timnah~~^{Samson} saw beautiful woman ~~at~~
with the Philistines in Timnah
- Judg 14:1-8
- d. Against Old Testament law to
marry a foreign woman (Deut 7:1-3)
- e. Committed fornication with prostitute
- f. Delilah helped Philistines shave
off Samson's hair
- Judg ~~16:18-19~~ 16:15-17 He tell her his secret
- Judg 16:18-19 His head shaved off
- g. Samson living reactionary life
rather than intentional life
- verse 20 he did not know the Lord
had departed from him

5. Desperate Prayer

- a. Sampson did not have discernment
that the Lord's presence was gone
- b. ~~Sam~~ Sampson blinded & put in
fetters & chains by Philistines (16:21)
- c. But his hair began to grow back
- d. He prayed again to God
- Give me back my strength (~~16:28~~)
- e. He killed more in his death than
he killed in his life (16:30)

6. Demonstrated Power

- a. Christian, live your life with
God's intentions
- b. God still accomplished his purposes
despite Samson's disobedience