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“Wrong Relationships, Thinking I Can Handle It”

The Story of Samson

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In order for relationships to work we have to do them God's way. Relationships fueled by God are the relationships that experience the ultimate thrill ride.

“Again the Israelites did evil in the Lord’s sight, so the Lord handed them over to the Philistines, who oppressed them for forty years. In those days a man named Manoah from the tribe of Dan lived in the town of Zorah. His wife was unable to become pregnant, and they had no children. The angel of the Lord appeared to Manoah’s wife and said, ‘Even though you have been unable to have children, you will soon become pregnant and give birth to a son. So be careful; you must not drink wine or any other alcoholic drink nor eat any forbidden food. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and his hair must never be cut. For he will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines.’ When her son was born, she named him Samson. And the Lord blessed him as he grew up. And the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him while he lived in Mahaneh-dan, which is located between the towns of Zorah and Eshtaol.” Judges 13:1-5, 24-25 NLT

● **Samson disregarded his relationship with his _____.** Judges 14:1-3

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise: ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.’” Ephesians 6: 1-3

-How to have a proper relationship with your parents-

1. **OBEY YOUR PARENTS.** *Children, obey your parents*
2. **AS UNTO THE LORD.** *Children, obey your parents in the Lord*

3. **THE RIGHT THING TO DO.** *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4 NLT

4. **RESPECT YOUR PARENTS.**

-WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SHOW RESPECT TO YOUR PARENTS? –

1. Accept them.
2. Cooperate with them.

● **Samson dismissed the _____.**
Deut. 7:3-4.

“Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.”
1 Cor. 6:18

To protect yourself from sexual sin do this:

1. Have a strong commitment to Jesus Christ.
2. Embrace a Biblical view of sexuality and relationships.
3. Understand the consequences of immorality.
Prov. 6:32 NLT

● **Samson disdained his _____.**
Num. 6:2-6; Judges 14:5, 8-10, 16:19; Heb. 1:9 KJV

● **Samson deserted his relationship with _____.**
Judges 16:23-25, 28

Questions for thought

In what areas am I not teachable? Where maybe someone has given me advice or warning and I’m not listening? In what areas am I flirting with sin? In what way am I not fulfilling my calling? In what way am I disregarding or dismissing God in my life? Where is He NOT Lord to me?

Next steps:

- Sign to be Small Group Leader or to host a Small Group.