

NIV MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 10:13**EXODUS & POSSESSION 27-1**

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

"SAMSON"
JUDGES 13:1-16:31

1. What was significant to you from last week's lecture?

DAY 1 READ Judges 13:1-25

2. The Israelites suffered under the _____ for ____ years.
3. What do we learn about Manoah and his wife in verse 2?
4. a. An angel announced the coming birth of their son. What were the instructions to the wife for herself and her son?

b. Review Numbers 6:1-8 and state the Nazirite vow in a few phrases.
5. a. What was Manoah's prayer?

b. Why do you think he made this request?

c. Share something God has taught you directly or by observation regarding child rearing.
6. What did Manoah say that showed his faith in God?
7. a. Manoah asked, "What is your name?" What was the reply?

b. What happened at the sacrifice?

c. Of what was Manoah afraid?

d. What was his wife's assurance?
8. What do we learn in verses 24,25?

DAY 2 READ Judges 14:1-20

9. In this chapter about Samson's marriage, share a thought about each of the following:
 - a. his relationship with his parents
 - b. his physical strength and its source
 - c. his "honeymoon"

DAY 2 (Continued) READ Judges 14:1-20

- 9. d. his temperament
- e. his wife
- 10. a. How do you think Samson's parents would have reacted when he came back home?
- b. What lesson is there for you in this chapter?

DAY 3 READ Judges 15:1-20

- 11. Returning to claim his bride, what did Samson . . .
 - a. . . . learn?
 - b. . . . have offered to him?
 - c. . . . do to retaliate?
- 12. a. How did his actions affect others?
- b. What do you think is the most detrimental effect of uncontrollable anger?
- 13. a. What was the plea of the men from Judah to Samson?
 - b. . . . his request?
 - c. . . . his actual response?
- 14. What reactions do you think the men of Judah might have felt at this time?
- 15. How did God minister to Samson in verses 18-20?

DAY 4 READ Judges 16:1-16

- 16. a. Samson gave in to fleshly desires. Where do we find him next and with whom?
- b. How did he escape the trap set for him?
- 17. a. In this lesson it's so easy to criticize Samson for his personal weakness and lack of self-control in the face of temptation, but we each have our weaknesses too. What do you learn in these Scriptures?
James 1:13,14

Romans 13:13,14

EXODUS & POSSESSION 27-3

DAY 4 (Continued) READ Judges 16:1-16

17. b. What reassurance is found in 1 Corinthians 10:13?
18. What did the lords of the Philistines promise Delilah for betrayal?
19. Which means of binding Samson proved unsuccessful in these verses?
 - a. vs. 7
 - b. vs. 11
 - c. vs. 13
20. Why did Samson finally succumb to Delilah's trickery?

DAY 5 READ Judges 16:18-31

21. What did Delilah do when Samson divulged his secret?
22. a. Verse 20 is sad. What did Samson utterly fail to perceive?
 - b. In what ways did the Philistines humiliate Samson?
23. Samson's stubborn insistence upon satisfying his carnal desires ultimately led to a ruined life. Even poor decisions and tragedy such as this may be used by God to accomplish His purposes. At the temple of Gaza, describe the following:
 - a. the lad's (or servant's) help
 - b. people present
 - c. Samson's prayer
 - d. Samson's action
 - e. the result
24. In spite of his failures, Hebrews 11:32-34 lists Samson as one of those who had great faith in God. Why do you think Scripture includes him in that list?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: