
Lesson Overview

Biblical Passages	Judges 13:1-7; 16:4-30
Supporting Passages	Judges 13:8-25; Judges 14:1-15:20; Judges 16:1-3, 31; Numbers 6:1-21; Proverbs 7:6-27; 1 Corinthians 15:33; Hebrews 11:32-34
Memory Verse	2 Timothy 2:4
Biblical Truth	God restored Samson's strength despite his unfaithfulness in order to carry out His judgment on the Philistines.
Context	<p>The Book of Judges describes the turbulent times between God's people moving into the Promised Land and the establishment of the kingdom of Israel. Despite all the people had seen God do for them, they were quick to forget to serve Him. They intermarried with the pagan peoples surrounding them and adopted their false gods. Over and over again, God allowed the peoples surrounding the Israelites to conquer them. Over and over, the Israelites would call out to Yahweh for mercy. He would respond by raising up a judge. Like Gideon, God raised up Samson as a judge to deliver Israel. Unlike Gideon, Samson was faithless and paid dearly for it. Nevertheless, God used Samson to execute judgment on Israel's enemies.</p>