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Judges 13:1-5; 24-25

STAYING FOCUSED ON GOD

I. Introduction

II. Unpacking The Passage:

Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, so the Lord delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years. ²A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth. ³The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, "You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son. ⁴Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean. ⁵You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a Nazirite, dedicated to God from the womb. He will take the lead in delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines." Judges 13:1-5

²⁴The woman gave birth to a boy and named him **Samson**. He grew and the Lord blessed him, ²⁵and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol." Judges 13:24-25

III. A Profile Of Samson:

- Appointed By God
- Anointed By God
- Blessed By God

"But he did not know that the Lord had left him." Judges 16:20

IV. What Happened To Samson?

Lessons From Samuel's Life:

- 1.) The tragedy of leaning upon our own strength and understanding rather than staying focused upon God.

- 2.) When we lose our focus upon God we fail to learn from our mistakes.

- 3.) When we take our eyes off of the Lord we don't have a teachable spirit.

V. Conclusion And Application: