

**SERMON NOTES**  
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**Coming Home:  
The Story of Samson**  
Judges 13:1-5; 16:4, 19-21

- Family (13:1-5)

- Fullness (13:25)  
Ephesians 5:18

- Friendship with the world (14:1-4)

1 John 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. <sup>17</sup>The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

- Fall

“He did not know that the Lord had departed from him.” (16:20)

Psalms 51:11

Acts 8:23 “For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity.”

- Faith

16:28 “Then Samson called to the LORD and said, ‘O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me just this time, O God, that I may at once be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.’”

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v. 26 – “the boy”

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## Judges 13:1-5: 16:4, 19-21

Now the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, so that the LORD gave them into the hands of the Philistines forty years.

<sup>2</sup> There was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had borne no *children*. <sup>3</sup> Then the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold now, you are barren and have borne no *children*, but you shall conceive and give birth to a son. <sup>4</sup> Now therefore, be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing. <sup>5</sup> For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines."

<sup>16:4</sup> After this it came about that he (Samson) loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

<sup>16:19</sup> She made him sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his hair. Then she began to afflict him, and his strength left him. <sup>20</sup> She said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him. <sup>21</sup> Then the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze chains, and he was a grinder in the prison.