

## **OT Characters / Samson / Jacob Smith - Questions for Community Groups**

**Big Idea:** *Even when we make compromises despite God's commands, we can confess our sin & commit to follow the Lord who forgives our failure & provides our purpose.*

**Key Sermon Text:** *Judges 13-16*

### **Supporting Texts:**

- 1. God's Command**
  - a. *Judges 13.2-5*
- 2. Samson's Compromise**
  - a. *Judges 14.1-7*
  - b. *Judges 15-16.21*
- 3. Samson's Confession & Commitment**
  - a. *Judges 16.23-30*
  - b. *Ephesians 2.1-10*

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Are there any areas of life where you recently felt or currently feel like a failure?
2. How do you typically feel when confronted with your own failure: Towards yourself? Towards others? Towards God?
3. How do you see yourself reflected in the story of Samson? What attributes or actions of the Lord are revealed in the story of Samson?
4. When are you most tempted to make compromises regarding God's commands?
5. How does the divine truth of Ephesians 2.1-10 impact your feelings in failure?
6. How can you remind yourself of God's command to confess your sin & commit to following Him in all circumstances?