

# HEROES (3 of 6)

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## *Samson*

**Scripture:** Judges 13-16 (NLT)

Israel was in a time of continual corruption, a downward consistent cycle:

- **Disobey God**
- Get **defeated** by their **enemy**
- **Repent**
- God **appoints a judge**
- They **sin again**

**Hebrews 11:32-34 (NLT)** *“How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets. By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight.”*

- No matter what, **God remains true!**
- God will work **through you**, or He will work **in spite of you**.

## HOMEGROUP & PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

**Scripture:** Judges 13-16 (NLT)

1. Pastor Ryan exposed a consistent cycle of Israel that included disobedience, defeat, and repentance during the time of the Judges. In what ways can you identify this cycle with your life? (Refer to the Book of Judges.)
2. In these cycles of disobedience (with Israel and with you), how did God remain faithful?
3. During these same cycles, in what ways did Israel (and you) experience the consequences of disobedience? In what ways do you feel the consequences were God's punishment? In what ways do you feel the consequences were an exclusive result of your disobedience?
4. Understanding the nature of the consequences of disobedience, why do you think Israel chose to continue a cycle of sin and disobedience? Can you relate to Israel with this choice?
5. How do you feel about the quote, "God will work through you, or He will work in spite of you"?
6. What was different about the illustration of Israel during the period of the Judges and the Christian life you experience today? In what way is today different? In what way is today the same?