

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU TRUST YOURSELF MORE THAN GOD?

## DAY 4

For Samson, trusting himself more than God led to disaster. He made one impulsive decision after another without seeking God's guidance and relied on his own strength to do things his way. By the end of Samson's life, God had left him and Samson was so focused on himself he didn't even realize it. Judges 16:20 says, *But he did not know that the Lord had left him, (NIRV)*. That's a pretty sad ending to a life that had so much potential.

Remember Samson when you begin to take your eyes off God and place them on yourself and your own abilities. Your confidence should be in God first.

**Any special gifts and talents you have are from Him, and He wants you to use them to accomplish His purposes, not your own!**

# CONFIDENCE

LIVING LIKE YOU BELIEVE  
WHAT GOD SAYS IS TRUE

WEEK 3

## DAY 1

This week, we'll be looking at a story in Judges again, so open your Bible to chapter 13 and read through chapter 16. In these chapters, there are 10 different situations in which Samson displayed his strength and might. See if you can find *all* of them and number them as you go!

**What do you notice about Samson? Is he using his strength to bring glory to God?**

Unfortunately, Samson more often used his strength to exalt himself, take what he wanted, and seek revenge. It seems like Samson forgot that all his strength was a gift from God in the first place, doesn't it?





## DAY 2

Find a quiet place to spend a couple of minutes with God. Thank Him for teaching you through the the people in Bible and for all He's given you so that you can praise Him. You could pray something like this:

*Dear God, I praise You for being so mighty and powerful and for using people like Samson to help me know You better. Thank You for all the gifts, talents, and strengths You have given me. I pray that You would help me to use those to honor You—not to bring glory to myself. Help me remember that everything I am good at is only because You made me that way. Keep me from being prideful, and let my confidence be in You alone. Amen.*



## DAY 3

Samson's strength was a gift from the Lord. Just like God made Samson incredibly strong, He has given you special gifts and abilities too. Talk with a trusted adult about what those might be. Then, talk about how God might be planning to use you to accomplish His purposes.

Jot down some of your ideas in the space below using these sentence starters:

**God made me . . .**

**I could use this special gift or skill to . . .**

Send an email or text message to your Small Group Leader to share your ideas! Ask them to pray for you as you use your gifts to glorify God!

