

TheGoodBook

Week Two: God Can Use Even Your Failures

Weekday Readings

Monday	Exodus 3
Tuesday	Exodus 14
Wednesday	Exodus 20
Thursday	Judges 16
Friday	1 Samuel 17

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Key Verse

He called out to the LORD: Lord God, please remember me. Strengthen me, God, just once more."

Judges 16:28 (CSB)

QUICK CONNECT DISCUSSION GUIDE

If your group is already studying something else and won't be following along with the sermon series, spend a few minutes at the beginning of your time discussing these questions. This will help you apply the weekend content.

- What impacted you most from the sermon this week?
- After all his shameful behavior, why is it that God didn't give up on Samson?

SERMON TRACK DISCUSSION GUIDE

In this section, you will find a format for leading a discussion on the topic for the week, based on the sermon and related material in *The Good Book*. The questions are separated into five categories - **account**, **anchor**, **add**, **apply** and **away** - and are designed to allow the group conversation to deepen as you move through them. We start with a look back at the past week. Descriptions of each category are listed on the back of this handout. Remember to allow time for everyone to participate and not have any one person dominate the conversation.

- **ACCOUNT:** Did you have an opportunity to put anything you learned from last week's discussion into practice? How can we pray for you?
- **ANCHOR:** When you think about heroic Biblical characters, does Samson score high or low? Why?
- **ADD:** After all his shameful behavior, why is it that God didn't give up on Samson?
- **APPLY:** At times, we all have heard that we are insufficient. How important is it that when we are weak, we are strong?
Therefore I am content with weaknesses, with insults, with troubles, with persecutions and difficulties for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.
(2 Corinthians 12:10)
- **AWAY:** What one thing could put into practice this week that comes from the tragic hero Samson?

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VIDEO TRACK DISCUSSION GUIDE

In this section, you will find a format for leading a discussion based on the video content (located on RightNow Media). Each video may be more thematic than specific to the week's sermon, so be prepared to connect sermon content with the discussion questions in the participants guide.

The recommended format for your session is:

- Read or summarize the Introduction "Ready, Set, Go!"
- Talk about It
- Video Presentation (15 minutes)
- Video Discussion
- Closing Prayer

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SHERWOOD KIDS FAMILY CORNER

Share what you did in your journal this week and talk about how God used Samson's failures. What did Samson fail to do? How did God use Samson to defeat the Philistines?

SERMON TRACK CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

- The **Account** question is meant to prompt reflection about how participants lived out what they learned in their daily lives.
- The **Anchor** discussion is meant to help individuals share what they already know or have experienced related to the ideas presented in the sermon or other readings.
- The **Add** section is to bring to light any new insights or "aha" moments that participants have about the text after further reflection.
- In the **Apply** section, guide the conversation into general ways people might apply what they have learned from the sermon to their daily lives.
- The **Away** discussion is a call to action for each person to put one thing into practice in the coming week.

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Book - one per family	Individuals or families	\$10	East Bookstore; West & Bedford Foyer
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Video (optional)	Groups or individuals	Free	RightNow Media
Participants Guide - one per group (optional)	Group leaders & individuals	\$5	East Bookstore; West & Bedford Foyer
Kids Journal (ages 12 and below)	Families with kids	Free	East Bookstore; West & Bedford Foyer

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