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**“Legends” Part III**  
**2008 Summer Teaching Series**  
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\*Biblical Legends: Looking beyond the *headlines* and the *highlights*.

\*Key Question: \_\_\_\_\_ was Samson’s time of Kingdom greatness so \_\_\_\_\_?

**Judges 13:3,5,24; 14:1-3; 16:1,4,19-20 (NLT)**

**3** The angel of the LORD appeared to Manoah’s wife and said, “Even though you have been unable to have children, you will soon become pregnant and give birth to a son. **5** You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and his hair must never be cut. For he will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines.” **24** When her son was born, she named him Samson. And the LORD blessed him as he grew up. **14:1** One day when Samson was in Timnah, one of the Philistine women caught his eye. **2** When he returned home, he told his father and mother, “A young Philistine woman in Timnah caught my eye. I want to marry her. Get her for me.” **3** His father and mother objected. “Isn’t there even one woman in our tribe or among all the Israelites you could marry?” they asked. “Why must you go to the pagan Philistines to find a wife?” But Samson told his father, “Get her for me! She looks good to me.” **16:1** One day Samson went to the Philistine town of Gaza and spent the night with a prostitute. **4** Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek. **19** Delilah lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down, and his strength left him. **20** Then she cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!” When he woke up, he thought, “I will do as before and shake myself free.” But he didn’t realize the Lord had left him.

\*In most cases, you are at a much better place when you’re ‘keenly’ aware of your own \_\_\_\_\_!

Question: When studying the life of Samson (Judges 14-16), what one thing stands out as ‘missing’? \_\_\_\_\_

A ‘Big Picture’ Perspective

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\*What is my personal \_\_\_\_\_ from this verse?

Personal Action Steps

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