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Judges 13:5; 14:1-3; 16:1, 19-22 (NLT)

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.” **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. **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. **21** So the Philistines captured him and gouged out his eyes. They took him to Gaza, where he was bound with bronze chains and made to grind grain in the prison. **22** But before long his hair began to grow back.

Samson Review:

- Why was Samson’s time of Kingdom greatness so brief?
- When studying the life of Samson, one thing that clearly stands out as “missing” is; HUMILITY.
- In most cases, you are at a much better place when you are “keenly” aware of your own inadequacies.

INADEQUACIES: A _____ we _____ need God to fill.

Samson: His Life Story

1. A story of divine _____.
v.13:5b “...For he will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines.”

2. A story of great _____.
v.13:24 When her son was born, they named him Samson. And the LORD blessed him as he grew up.
v.15:15 Then he picked up a donkey's jawbone that was lying on the ground and killed a thousand Philistines with it.

3. A story of personal character _____.
v.14:3 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.”

4. A story of lost _____.
v.16:20b, 21 ...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. **21** So the Philistines captured him and gouged out his eyes. They took him to Gaza, where he was bound with bronze chains and made to grind grain in the prison.

5. A story of _____.
v.16:22, 28a But before long his hair began to grow back. **28a** Then Samson prayed to the LORD, “Sovereign LORD, remember me again.”

<u>Personal Action Steps</u>

