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BOOK: Judges 14-15

Opening Questions:

- a. Have you ever shared something personal and later wished you had kept it to yourself?
- b. Have you ever been goaded into doing something? What wore you down?
- c. Describe a time when expectations around a relationship or event completely unraveled.
- d. Have you ever experienced a situation where you felt completely justified in your anger but may have gone to far?

Chapter 14: Discussion Questions

1. Do you think Samson's request for his parents to get him a Philistine woman was a sign of a character flaw? Why or why not?
2. What are the potential implications of Samson's decision, given the relationship between Israelites and Philistines?
3. Did God actually sign off on Samson's marriage? What are some other possibilities he allowed it? (verse 4) (2 Cor. 6:14)
4. What is some information about Samson's from his encounter with the lion?
5. Do you think there is any symbolic meaning in Samson tearing the lion apart?
6. Why did Samson keep his encounter with the lion and the source of the honey a secret from his parents?
7. In verses 8-10, was Samson just being a good son? Bridegroom? Any issues?

8. What was the purpose of Samson proposing a riddle in verses 12-14? Was it harmless?
9. If you were Samson's wife, would you have acted differently under the Philistine men's pressure? Explain.
10. How does Samson's reaction to the riddle's resolution reflect on his character? Was his response justified?
11. How does the chapter end?

Chapter 15

12. Do you think Samson's father-in-law was justified in his actions? Discuss.
13. Describe Samson's reaction. Was it over the top? Or reasonable given the circumstances?
14. How did Samson's actions affect the Philistines?
15. Who do you think is primarily at fault as to what happened to Samson's father-in-law and wife? Explain.
16. Discuss the involvement of Judah in this passage. How would you characterize their response to Samson's situation?
 17. How would you respond if you were in the position of the men of Judah? What does it reveal about intra-tribal relations?
 18. Why did Samson cry out to God after his victory over the Philistines?
 19. In what ways does God's provision of water for Samson demonstrate His care for His people?
 20. What do Samson's actions thus far reveal about his understanding of his divine calling? Does he get it?
 21. How do you think Samson ruled Israel?