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**BOOK: Judges 15-16:3**

**Opening Questions:**

- a. Describe a scenario where getting revenge is a good thing.
- b. Name a family member you would have a hard time helping, even if they were in a serious situation.
- c. Identify a place you love to visit, but probably should not.

**Chapter 15: Discussion Questions**

1. What was the purpose of Samson's visit to his wife?
2. Who do you think is at fault in the snafu between Samson and his wife?
3. Do you think Samson's father-in-law was justified in his actions? Discuss.
4. Is what Samson states in verse 3 accurate? (*Deut. 32:35; Heb. 10:30; Rom. 12:19*)
5. How does Samson react to the news of his wife? Over the top? Or reasonable?
6. Can you quantify how Samson's actions affected the Philistines?
7. Who seems to be the primary enemy of Israel at this time? Explain.
8. Who is at fault as to what happened to Samson's father-in-law and wife?
9. How does Judah become involved in Samson's life?

10. How would you respond if you were in the position of the men of Judah?

11. How would you characterize Samson's reaction after being captured by 3000 men of Judah?
12. How do you think the Israelites felt after Samson won over the Philistines?
13. Why did Samson cry out to God after his victory over the Philistines? Is this a sign of his spiritual growth? (*1 Kings 19*)
14. What biblical principle is at work in God's provision of water for Samson?
15. What do Samson's actions thus far reveal about his understanding of his divine calling? Does he get it?
16. Do you have any indication of your own divine calling?
17. How might the incidents in this chapter have contributed to Samson's rule for 20 years over Israel?
18. How do you think Samson ruled Israel?
19. What qualities does Samson have that are similar or dissimilar to other Judges?

**Chapter 16:1-3**

20. Do we have any indication that Samson ever married again?
21. Discuss the reasons why Samson went to Gaza.
22. What opinion do the Philistines have of Samson at this time?
23. Is there a message Samson purposefully conveys to the Philistines by taking the city gates?