

The Story of Samson (7-28-24)

CORE Questions

Read Judges 23:5-13

- *I want to let you in on a little secret. I LOVE OREO COOKIES! There is nothing better than six Oreo cookies dipped in a cold glass of milk right before I go to sleep! But... the reality is, eating Oreos at bedtime isn't great for my health. If they're in the house, it's only a matter of time before I justify giving in to their temptation. Ha! I know that our idols and our sin are way more serious than Oreo cookies....but how can you relate? What idols or temptations have you allowed to stay in or around your life that you know you won't be able to resist forever? What steps can we take to completely destroy the idols in our lives?*

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Read Judges 2:6-10

- *At Asbury Church we established four Core Values that speak to what we value most as a body of believers. One of those values is "Family Discipleship." In this passage, it seems as though the Israelites neglected to tell their children all that God had done and to teach them His commands. Why do you think it's so easy to neglect the core value of discipling our families and specifically our children? What stories of God's goodness are you sharing, and what are some things we can do better to ensure that our future children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will love and follow Jesus?*
- *In the last point, Brian mentioned that God never used Samson's strength but instead used Samson's weakness to accomplish His work. How does it make you feel to know that when we give ourselves to the Lord and set ourselves apart for serving Him that He can and will accomplish incredible things through our strengths and our weaknesses....our successes and our failures?*

Memory Scripture: Joshua 24:15

"And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Prayer Prompt: *Father, use me for Your glory however You desire. Use my strengths and my weaknesses, my successes and failures, and my wins and my losses. I only ask that You exalt Your name with my life. In Jesus Name... Amen and Amen!*