

GOD'S HERO




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**What do we
Hope
to gain?**

SAMSON

**A promising start
(Judges 13)**

The Situation

AGAIN the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, so the Lord delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years.

Judges 13:1

AGAIN

Judges is a downward spiral for Israel

Joshua is gone

**People's attitude has
changed toward God**

Inconsistent

God's people are living in rebellion

**They were living in captivity
under the Philistines**

The Parents

The Promise

The birth of a son

Expectations

(v. 2-7)

Expectations

Mom's Expectations

- **No wine**
- **No "unclean" food**
- **9 months**

Dad Expectations (None)

Expectations

Samson was to be a Nazarite

No "Wine"

No hair cuts

No contact with dead things

**Samson was life long,
there was no "over"**

Living with Expectations

**Samson was going to be asked to live a
committed life in an uncommitted world
(counter cultural)**

**Samson was going
to look different**

**Samson was going
to be asked to act different**

**Living with
expectations
is hard!**

Samson had a CHOICE

The Early Years

The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him, and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

(v. 24-25)

WHAT IF?