

## Samson's Marriage - Judges 14:1-20

**Topics:** Abilities, Accomplishments, Affections, Bargaining, Conflict, Disobedience, Intimidation, Love, Marriage, Parents, Rebellion, Strength, Temptation, Unfaithfulness, Wives

### Open It

- \* 1. What are some techniques people use to persuade others?
- 2. What methods have you used to convince someone to do something he or she didn't want to do?
- 3. How have you ever been persuaded to do something you didn't want to do?

### Explore It

- 4. What resulted from Samson's visit to Timnah? (14:1-2)
- 5. How did Samson approach his parents about what he desired? (14:2)
- 6. How did Samson's parents respond to his demand? (14:3)
- 7. What does Samson's parents' response reveal about their feelings toward the Philistines? (14:3)
- 8. Why did Samson refuse to listen to his parents' advice? (14:3)
- \* 9. How did the Lord plan to use Samson's sinful desires to fulfill God's purposes? (14:4)
- 10. What happened to Samson on the way to Timnah? (14:5-6)
- \* 11. How was Samson able to tear apart a lion with his bare hands? (14:6)
- 12. What happened to Samson on his second trip to Timnah? (14:8-9)
- 13. How did Samson and his family celebrate his wedding? (14:10-11)
- 14. Why did Samson tell a riddle to his wedding party? (14:12-14)
- 15. What did Samson's companions do when they could not solve the riddle? (14:15)
- \* 16. What reasoning did Samson's wife use on him to discover the answer to the riddle? (14:16)
- 17. Why did Samson tell his wife the answer to his riddle? (14:17)
- 18. What did Samson do when the men solved his riddle? (14:18-20)

### Get It

- 19. How would you characterize Samson?
- \* 20. Which character traits of Samson would you like to have, and which would you rather avoid?
- 21. How did the Lord show His faithfulness to Samson?
- 22. How has the Lord been faithful to you, despite your shortcomings?
- \* 23. What weakness has the Lord used in your life to achieve His purposes?
- 24. Over what temptation in your life would you like to have victory?
- 25. What is one temptation you often have to face?
- 26. What are some ways we can resist temptation?
- 27. What does this story teach us about what to do when we give in to temptation?

### Apply It

- 28. What practical steps can you take to limit or avoid a temptation you often face?
- \* 29. What specific step could you take this week to guard against temptation?
- 30. How can you say thank You to the Lord today for using you despite your weaknesses?