

# JUDGES

Wednesday, October 31, 2018  
**Week 17: Samson the Bachelor**

## Scripture Reading: Judges 14:1-20

- A few **warning signs** to consider when we get to Judges 14:
  - Apart from Samson’s family, no one seems to know he is a judge
  - Samson and his family are indifferent to the Nazirite vow
  - There is no cry for help from God’s people
    - Judges 15:11

### 1. Samson is impulsive (verses 1-4)

- The phrase “*went down*” is mentioned **5x** in Judges 14, a geographical marker
- What are his parents really asking him in **verse 3**?
  - Not skin color, but someone **OUTSIDE** of the Lord’s covenant!
  - “*God would use Samson for His own purposes*”

### 2. Samson is lustful (verses 5-9)

- Pay attention to what we’re *not* told
- “*after some days he returned to take her*”

### 3. Samson is manipulative (verses 10-14)

- The word “*feast*” often implied alcohol being used
  
- *A riddle to make them feel helpless*

### 4. Samson is vengeful (verses 15-20)

- The companions *threaten* Samson’s wife
  
- The companions *answer the riddle*, leading to Samson’s instant rage

- **What do we learn from Judges 14?**

- *Remember the fifth commandment*
  
- *Intentionally deceiving others always backfires*
  
- *Be Christians of action, not only reaction*
  - Proverbs 15:1, Isaiah 55:8-9