

## My Life

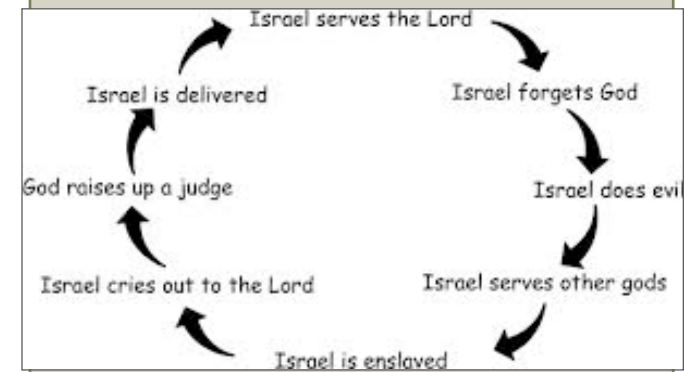
Sometimes I forget about God and so did the Judges and that is one way that the Judges relate to my life and then I feel so far away from him and it is really hard just to remember and it feels like my eyes are gouged out from God. And I am tied up to a pole and I just can't get out and I am stuck just like Samson when God left him. But also I feel so close to God sometimes too. And I feel like I do anything with God I am so close to him sometimes. And sometimes I think that Samson was far away from God and God actually left him once. But he was also really close to God sometimes and that is kind of my life and how it relates to Samson and I think that it relates to a lot of other people too.

## Psalm 135:13-18

13 Your name, Lord, endures forever, your renown, Lord, through all generations.  
14 For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.  
15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, made by human hands.  
16 They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see.  
17 They have ears, but cannot hear, nor is there breath in their mouths.  
18 Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

# CYCLE OF THE JUDGES

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## Q & A

### Why did God send judges?

To save the Israelites from oppression. And to make it easier to turn to God and to make more people Christians easier.

### What types of people did God use as judges over Israel?

Strong and courageous people that could take hard challenges.

### What lessons can we learn about this time period of the judges?

Stay away from people that could trick you into getting secrets from and listen to your parents about who you can like. And things always went over and over again and it seemed like they never learned their lesson. Things were not always happy in that time period. It's not like people are saying "Oh we have a judge everything is perfect now!!!" No it was happy and horrible at the same time.

# Name of Judge here...

**Occupation (job):** A judge

**Time Period:** 1,000 - 1,200 BC

**Evidence of Faith:** God chose Samson to be a judge and chose him to teach the gospel.

**Abilities (or talents):** He was super duper strong he killed 1,000 people with a donkey's jaw bone!!

**Personality:** He is self centered and full of himself.

**More Information:** He married a Philistine woman and he was a Nazarite. He can not have grape stuff like wine, grape juice, grapes, etc. He can't go near anything dead so he was not allowed to eat meat or he would be doing a crime. He was not allowed to cut his hair either so if he did that he would be doing crime in the name of the Lord because his strength is from his hair kind of showed God and he was a Nazarite.

## Samson's Story

Samson was chosen from his birth to be a Nazarite and a judge for the Nazarenes and Israelites. One day he was waking through a garden and he came across a lion and so he was so strong and courageous that he walked right up to the lion and he ripped it right open. And there was a bee hive right in the lion a couple of days later he waked over and scooped some in his hand, and it was from a dead carcass of a lion and he is forbidden from dead animals and people. He went home and gave some to his parents and he didn't tell them it was from a dead carcass. While they were eating their honey Samson saw a beautiful Philistine Woman walking by. He commanded his parents to go and get her for him but they said, "She is a Philistine you must not meet her." But he got mad and yelled and so his parents went to go get her for him. Her name was Delilah. Later Samson asked to take her hand in marriage and so at the wedding Samson's Father gave them a riddle and nobody knew the answer it was, Out of the eater, something to eat. Out of the strong, something sweet. They didn't know what it was so the Philistines said to sweet Delilah (not really sweet) "Figure out what makes him so strong and coax your husband to thinking that your so innocent and sweet that you are mad at him." So she did it for 28 pounds of silver. So Delilah said to Samson, "Tell me your secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and get out again." Samson replied to her, "If you tie me up with 7 fresh strings that has not been dried then I will not be able to get out." So that night she tied Samson up to a pole and he easily got out like it was a string. And Delilah cried, "Oh, Samson how could you do this to me?" So he asked again "How are you so strong Samson?" "If you tie me up with 7 fresh strings that have NOT been used I will be as weak as any other man." So Delilah tied her up to a pole and cried "Samson, The Philistines are upon you!" But Samson snapped the strings easily. Delilah cried to Samson, "You made a fool of me Samson how could you?" She did this a couple more times and she eventually got him to say his hair. She cut his hair and he was weak then they gouged out his eyes and Samson was betrayed by his own wife.