

## Judges 13:5, 24-25

<sup>5</sup>For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son, and no razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines.”

<sup>24</sup>Then the woman gave birth to a son and named him Samson; and the child grew up and the Lord blessed him. <sup>25</sup>And the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

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### SERMON NOTES

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## Samson. Israel. Us

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Our reading (last week) was Samson (Judges 13-16)

- Dedicated to God  
*Nazir* – separated; devoted; consecrated  
“The Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily.” (14:6)
- Deceived by the world.  
Galatians 5:17 “For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.”
- Disciplined by the Father  
Hebrews 12:5b-6 <sup>5b</sup>“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reprovved by Him; <sup>6</sup>For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.”
  - 1) God departs
  - 2) Consequences come
  - 3) Enemies rejoice
- Received back in mercy  
“The hair of his head began to grow again after it was shaved off.” (16:22)

Samson’s prayer