The Strongest Weak Man

Judges 13-16

Introduction: One of the key observations of the whole narrative is the spiritual <u>apathy</u> of both Samson and the people of Israel.

Key Truth: Christians must passionately embrace God's call and reject spiritual apathy.

I. Samson's Unique Calling

Numbers 6:1-8

The Nazirite Vow:

- 1. A Nazirite must not consume anything from the grapevine, including wine or any other alcoholic beverage.
- 2. A Nazirite must not cut the <u>hair</u> on their head.
- 3. A Nazirite must not be in the <u>vicinity</u> of a <u>dead</u> body.

Deuteronomy 7:6

II. Samson's Spiritual Apathy

A. Samson <u>Dishonored</u> His Parents

Exodus 20:12

"The parental relationship is the <u>first</u> and most <u>important</u> relationship. It <u>shapes</u> all other relationships." - Kevin DeYoung

- B. Samson was **Dominated** by His **Senses**
- C. Samson **Despised** His Nazirite Vow

Isaiah 46:9-10

III. God's Purpose in Samson

God's <u>sovereignty</u> is *never* an <u>excuse</u> in Scripture for the sinful choices that people make.

Samson is a mirror of Israel.

1 Corinthians 1:2

1 Peter 2:9

Ephesians 4:1

1 Peter 1:13-16