

# SAMSON

## A Wasted Life

Sunday, August 26, 2018 Pastor Ray Cummings

## Part 3 – Daddy Issues!

### 1. No Spiritual Leadership

#### Judges 13:8, 12, 17, 22-23 (ESV)

8 Then Manoah prayed to the LORD and said, “O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born.” . . .

12 And Manoah said, “Now when your words come true, what is to be the child’s manner of life, and what is his mission?” . . .

17 And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, “What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honor you?” 18 And the angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?” . . .

22 And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, for we have seen God.” 23 But his wife said to him, “If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering at our hands, or shown us all these things, or now announced to us such things as these.”

### 2. Never told his son “NO.”

#### Judges 14:1-3 (ESV)

1 Samson went down to Timnah, and at Timnah he saw one of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 Then he came up and told his father and mother, “I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines at Timnah. Now get her for me as my wife.” 3 But his father and mother said to him, “Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” But Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes.”

#### Matthew 6:22-23 (ESV)

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

#### Judges 17:6 (ESV)

6 In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

### How do you Get Past your Daddy Issues?

- **Own the Fact that you have Issues!**

#### 1 John 1:8 (ESV)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

- **Take Responsibility for your own Actions!**

**Deuteronomy 24:16 (ESV)**

“Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.

- **Seek Forgiveness and the Power of God to change you!**

**Ephesians 4:22-24 (ESV)**

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

**1 John 3:1 (ESV)**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. . .

- **Extend Forgiveness to your Father!**

**Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)**

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

- **Stop hurting the people in your family. Learn to bless them instead!**

**Ephesians 5:22-23 (ESV)**

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

**Ephesians 6:1-4 (ESV)**

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” 4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

The Five Elements of The Blessing

1. Meaningful and appropriate touch
2. A spoken message
3. Attaching high value to the one being blessed
4. Picturing a special future for him or her
5. An active commitment to fulfill the blessing. (You do that every day!)

Gary Smalley and John Trent. The Blessing: Giving the Gift of Unconditional Love and Acceptance (p. 45).

**John 1:12-13 (ESV)**

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.