



What Is The Truth About Your Family (Part 1) (Are You the Family that Refuses to Lie?)

Date: April 11, 2021

Question: Does your family have trouble with the truth?

Statement: There is a natural assumption that truthful families raise truthful children.

Tell The Truth Series Summary:

1. Family Lies (Does your family have trouble with the truth?)
2. Romantic Lies (Have your romantic choices affected your life?)
3. Imaginary Lies (Is it just your imagination running away with you?)
4. The Consequences of Our Lies (Are you facing consequences that started from a lie?)

Text: Judges 13:1, NIV

13:1 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, so the Lord delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years.

Samson's Family Summarized: Samson came from a good family. But he made life challenging for those close to him. He was naive, arrogant, fleshly driven, violent, and deceitful. But God found a way to use him to make a difference in Israel. He is not a **moral example**; he is a **redemptive example**. God never forced him to do right. He allowed him to stumble into his faith. At the end of his life, he seemed to have faced the truth **just before he died.**

Seven Observations About Samuel's Family (Note How Hard They Tried)

1. Samson's Family Managed a **Barren** Season

- 2 A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was childless, unable to give birth. 3 The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, **"You are barren and childless, but you are going to become pregnant and give birth to a son.** 4 Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean.

Question: Do you have an area of your life that has not been fruitful?

2. Samson's Family Accepted **Boundaries** (What are your God given boundaries?)

- 5 You will become pregnant and have a son whose **head is never to be touched by a razor** because the boy is to be a **Nazirite**, dedicated to God from the womb. **He will take the lead in delivering Israel from the hands of the Philistines."**

Question: Does your family accept God's boundaries?

3. Samson's Family Were **Communicators**

- 6 Then **the woman went to her husband and told him**, "A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn't ask him where he came from, and he didn't tell me his name. 7 But he said to me, 'You will become pregnant and have a son. Now then, drink no wine or other fermented drink and do not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a Nazirite of God from the womb until the day of his death.'"

Question: Does your family communicate about important issues?

4. Samson's Family Were Teachable People

- 8 Then Manoah prayed to the Lord: "Pardon your servant, Lord. I beg you to **let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born.**"
- 9 **God heard Manoah**, and the angel of God came again to the woman while she was out in the field; but her husband Manoah was not with her. 10 The woman hurried to tell her husband, "He's here! The man who appeared to me the other day!"

5. Samson's Family Asked Questions

- 11 Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he said, "Are you the man who talked to my wife?" "I am," he said. **What is my son's purpose?**
- 12 So Manoah asked him, "When your words are fulfilled, **what is to be the rule that governs the boy's life and work?**"

Questions:

- A. **What is my son's purpose?**
- B. **What are the rules he needs to live by?**

6. Samson's Family Was Hospitable (They were kind to strangers)

- 13 **The angel of the Lord answered, "Your wife must do all that I have told her.** 14 She must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, nor drink any wine or other fermented drink nor eat anything unclean. **She must do everything I have commanded her."** 15 Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, "We would like you to stay until we prepare a young goat for you." 16 The angel of the Lord replied, "Even though you detain me, I will not eat any of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, offer it to the Lord." (Manoah did not realize that it was the angel of the Lord.) 17 Then Manoah inquired of the angel of the Lord, **"What is your name, so that we may honor you when your word comes true?"** 18 **He replied, "Why do you ask my name? It is beyond understanding."** 19 Then Manoah took a young goat, together with the grain offering, and sacrificed it on a rock to the Lord. And **the Lord did an amazing thing while Manoah and his wife watched: 20 As the flame blazed up from the altar toward heaven, the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame.** Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground. 21 When the angel of the Lord did not show himself again to **Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was the angel of the Lord.**

7. Samson's Family Valued Obedience and Feared Disobedience

- 22 **"We are doomed to die!"** he said to his wife. "We have seen God!"
- 23 But his wife answered, "If the Lord had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, nor shown us all these things or now told us this." 24 **The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him, 25 and the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.**



SERMON NOTES

Pastor Ricky Temple

Conclusion:

What can parents who tried to raise their children right learn from Samson's family

1. Children make their own choices at some point in their lives
2. Parents only have advisory powers after a certain age (This is designed by God)
3. You are not responsible, but may pay for their choices along with them (This can be unfair)
4. You can feel the pain God feels when His children go astray. (It grieves God)
 - And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. (Ephesians 4:30, NIV)

Note: Grieve defined (lupeo)- to distress, to be in heaviness

Next Time: Telling the Truth About Romantic Lies

Read Ahead: Judges 14:1-20