**Running With The Giants: Samson**

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**Speaker: Tom Hughes**

Below are study questions that will help you and your Life Group dig deeper into this weekend’s sermon. Feel free to only use those which best fit your group’s allotted time.

**Scripture Reflection:** Read **Judges 13:5, 14:2-3, 16:19-21; 28 (NIV).** Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passages, and then ask the group to share what stands out.

**Application Questions:**

1. In teaching from Samson’s life, Tom shared, *“When you don’t see God’s vision for your life, you are in danger of settling for an earthly counterfeit.”* 
   1. Share with the group the vision you believe God has for your life? If you aren’t certain, how might you gain more clarity about God’s purpose for you?
2. Tom said, *“You can be blind to the power of relationships.”*
   1. Reflecting on your relationships, how has your life been impacted by some of your positive relationships? How has your life been impacted by some of your negative relationships? Do you need to make any decisions about any of your current relationships (leaving some behind, looking for new ones)?
3. Tom stated, *“Samson’s life shows us that we need to protect the presence of God in our lives by obedience and putting God first. It’s always interesting how many of us want what God has to offer but don’t want to do what God asks us to do.”*
   1. Share a time in your life when you wanted what God had to offer, but didn’t want to do what he asked of you?
   2. What are some of the ways that you protect the presence of God in your life by putting God first in your life?
4. Tom encouraged, *“With God, failure is never final.”*
   1. Is there any place in your life where you have felt like a failure, but like Samson, can humble yourself and ask God to remember you once more?

**Closing & Prayer**: [set aside sufficient time for prayer]

* Pray for the personal prayer request(s) of those in your group
* Pray that those at CA would be a church that sees God’s purpose for their lives
* Pray that God would continue to bless and grow our “in person” attendance in 2023