



Discussion
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"FINDING PURPOSE"

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THE POINT:

BROKENNESS IS THE WAY BACK TO PURPOSE

Discussion Generators

Don't forget to make announcements to your group!

- ➔ Go around your group and share your God Moments from the past week (God Moments are how you have seen God working, either in your life, or in the life of another).
- Be looking for how you see God working, so that you have something to share next time.
- What has stood out to you so far from the *Breadcrumbs* Point series?
- In the Point this week, we looked at the life of Samson. What was going on in Israel at this time and what did God use Samson as?
- ➔ Read Judges 16:1-3. What got in the way of Samson fulfilling all of the things God had in store for him and Israel? Who was his final temptress?

- **Read Judges 16: 4-6.** Delilah's name actually implies "low-hanging fruit" did end up as Samson's final temptress that caused his demise. Who is willing to share something you would consider your "low hanging fruit" that Satan uses to tempt you often?
- ➔ **Read I Peter 5:8.** In what ways does the enemy use temptation to take us farther and farther down the wrong path? Why is this such an effective tactic?
- Satan tells us lies all the time about ourselves and God in order to see us fail. Do you ever hear the voice that says, "No one else has this problem; it's just you" or "How can you expect God to forgive you when you have already done this so many times"? Explain.
- ➔ Samson could've ended up as a laughingstock, but because he turned back to God, he ended as a champion. **Read Judges 16:28-30.** What was his smashing comeback? What does this reveal about God's mercy and grace in spite of our faults?
- ➔ **Read Micah 7:8.** What is the purpose of life for a Christ followers? How does having a focus on your purpose help you get past Satan's plans and intentions during your time's of temptation or brokenness? What do you need to do to make sure you are prepared on a regular basis? Specifically, how will you do that?

Bible Verses

Judges 16:1-3 (NIV)

1 One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her. 2 The people of Gaza were told, "Samson is here!" So they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the city gate. They made no move during the night, saying, "At dawn we'll kill him." 3 But Samson lay there only until the middle of the night. Then he got up and took hold of the doors of the city gate, together with the two posts, and tore them loose, bar and all. He lifted them to his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that faces Hebron.

Judges 16:4-6 (NIV)

4 Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. 5 The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver." 6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued."

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Judges 16:28-30 (NIV)

28 Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." 29 Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, 30 Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

Micah 7:8 (NIV)

Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light.