



What or who is grinding you under these days? Why?

The Book of Judges describes imperfect people God uses to rescue his people from themselves. The last of the Judges is Samson. Known for his strength- and his weaknesses. Read *Judges 13:1-5*. What strikes you about Samson’s beginnings? What would give you confidence if you were Samson?

God has a _____ for each of us.

How is Samson set apart by God? How are you set apart?

Who God labels, He _____. What we disable he _____.

God chooses to use _____ people.

Read *Judges 14:1-3*.

How is Samson’s story like my story?

Read *Judges 13:24,25* again. When was the last time you felt God’s Spirit stirring within you? What did you do about it?

Samson’s life, even though set apart by God is not perfect. He allows his emotions and lusts to overwhelm him. Read *Judges 16:4-5*. In what ways do you find yourself driven to compromise God’s call on life?

The middle of Samson’s story is like many of ours. Blinded, chained to a pole, walking in endless circles pushing a mill stone. Life looked hopeless, felt hopeless. How can you relate this to your life?

Read *2 Corinthians 12:9*. If anyone knew suffering it was Paul. Through all Paul went through, and loss, he always fell back to God’s grace to see him through. When was the last time we fell back on the sufficiency of God’s grace for the chapter of life we are in as individuals? As a church?

God brings _____ through imperfect people.

Read *Judges 16:23-30*.

At the end of Samson’s life, Samson is still able to achieve God’s purpose for his life. His end started with a call out to God again. When was the last time you called out to God to strengthen you for His purpose? Can you take time now to do so? Do you need to confess trying to achieve God’s purpose on your own strength?

Samson’s life ultimately was not defined by the middle, but by the end- an end filled with God’s Spirit.

How can I move beyond my “middle” and let God write my ending as I serve Him? Am I ready to be God’s hero?
