

# STRENGTH & STRUGGLE: THE LIFE OF SAMSON

## “Cut Ties”

Judges 16:1-30 Week 3

## Life Group Curriculum

### SHARE AN EXPERIENCE:

Share with the group about a time in your life when you cut ties with something or someone. Was it a good decision or are there regrets?

### GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Be sure to download the “Bible Engagement Project” app from the Apple Store or Play Store. We will be using this app moving forward to following along with the weekly sermons and as a resource for personal and family devotions as well as Bible studies. Last week we discussed fighting for things in our life. What are you fighting for? This week we finish up the 3-week series on the life of Samson with a message on cutting ties. Just as a tree needs to be pruned to stay healthy and grow, so do our relationships and behaviors. Let’s dig deeper!

### Answer as many questions as time allows:

1. Take a moment to share with the group what stood out to you most from this week’s message.
2. Have I cut ties with the Lord in any area of my life? Have I made a commitment to the Lord that I’ve walked away from? Have the pressures of the world overwhelmed me? Do I feel surrounded? Have I forgotten where my strength comes from? Have I given up? Share with the group your struggle, what you learned, how you got there, what you were thinking at the time. Where did I go wrong?
3. Are there people or areas in my life that I need to cut ties with? Take a long look at the people you associate with and the areas you frequent and ask yourself this question; is this where God wants me to spend my time? Is this relationship or activity harmful or helpful? Does this relationship or what I’m doing please God? Have I fallen in love with something or someone that will ultimately lead to my destruction? Where do I go from here? How do I get back on track with the Lord? What do I need to do, and what am I going to do now? What strengths do I need to use that I’ve been avoiding? What ties do I need to cut?

### SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Judges 16:1-30; Joshua 2:1-8; Psalm 118:10-12; Micah 7:5; Numbers 6:5; Jeremiah 15:15

### MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 15:33 – “Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits.”

### FOR PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL (OPTIONAL):

1. Join us in prayer this week for the relationships and behaviors in our lives, that God will make clear to us what or who might need to be set loose. Pray that God would strengthen us as we draw closer to Him and rely on His love instead of the love of people alone and the things of this world that bring us momentary pleasure. Pray for discernment in the things that we spend our time and efforts on or with.
2. Let’s dig deeper this week by reading Judges chapter 16 again. Spend time in prayer and conversation with God about His call on your life and the things that occupy your time and energy. Consider doing a personal inventory of where your hours are spent. See where God time stacks up and where you can give Him more attention.

