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## Week 8

### Opening Prayer

### Opening Review:

1. Last week we learned about a deliverer for Israel by the name of Jephthah. In what ways was Jephthah a product of his culture? Or, in other words, what evidence of cultural influences did we see play out in his life?
2. What is *hot dog faith*?
3. What role does culture often play in the lives of Christians, and God's Church? And what are our takeaways?

### Today's Themes and Scripture Passages

- Judges 13
- What is something positive someone has done for you that you didn't expect?
- What was surprising about what that person did?

### Video 8

## **Discussion Questions**

4. What threats did the Philistines pose to Israel? In other words, what made them so formidable?

5. Within Judges 13:1-3 we learn some very significant takeaways:

- a. God takes the i\_\_\_\_\_ to save His people even when they aren't l\_\_\_\_\_ for Him to save them.

*Personal Application Point:* Where have you experienced God's pursuit of you, even when you were running the other way or closing off to Him?

- b. This is the first time a Judge is promised before the Judge is even b\_\_\_\_\_.

- c. God promised a son to a b\_\_\_\_\_ woman, thus offering s\_\_\_\_\_ and h\_\_\_\_\_ to the family.

- d. In leaving out the name of the soon-to-be mother, we are led to see that s\_\_\_\_\_ comes from no other source but G\_\_\_\_\_ Himself. There is nothing we can boast of ourselves.

6. What is so significant about the word "begin" in verse 5?

7. Samson is to be a *Nazirite*. What did that mean for his life?

- a. No\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or\_\_\_\_\_.

8. What parallels can we draw between the response of Manoah's wife (soon to be Samson's mom) in verse 23 and Mary's response to the Birth of Christ Announcement in Luke 1:38?

*Personal Application Point:* What does this mean for your life today? What is God looking for? (hint: T\_\_\_\_\_ and O\_\_\_\_\_)

9. What similarities do we see between the early season of Samson's story and that of Jesus?

10. What differences do we see between Samson's story and that of Jesus?

## **Closing Prayer**

Dear God, we thank You for pursuing us when we have turned aside from You. Thank you for giving us Your grace, even while we lived as Your enemies through our sin. Forgive us for our lack of trust in You and obedience to Your Word. By Your grace, lead us into deeper faith that simply says "Yes" and seeks to follow You always. In Jesus' Name, Amen.