

The Source Of My Strength

Judges 13:1-3, 24-25

Introduction: Repeatedly in the scripture we are called to be strong. Keeping in mind the tremendous needs in our society, we are in need of

1. Strong Preaching
2. Strong Praying
3. Strong Individuals
4. Strong Churches

In the Biblical story of Samson we see 4 different areas from which we can draw strength.

- I. First, Samson derived his great strength from his Parents
 - A. Nearly every story of our Biblical Heroes begins with their parents
 1. Moses Parents Protected Him
 2. Timothy's Mother and Grandmother Provided A Great Pattern
 3. Manoah Prayed
 - B. Every time that I am used of God it is the result of my Parents Prayers
 - C. Number 6
- II. Second, Samson derived his great strength from a life of Purity
 - A. If our preaching is to have any impact, we must have a life of purity
If our singing...
 - B. Lay aside every weight...
 - C. Samson was a Nazarite. As such he was to:
 1. Avoid Indulgence
 2. Be Aware of his Image
 3. Maintain His Integrity
 - D. With out holiness....
 1. Primary application In Heaven
 2. Second application here and now
- III. Third, Samson derived his great strength from the Power of the Holy Ghost
 - A. Judges 13:25
 1. It is through Him that we live and breathe and have our being
 2. Song: I Can't Even Walk
- IV. Finally, Samson derived his great strength from the Privilege of Prayer
 - A. Judges 16:28
 1. After he had sinned
 2. After he had strayed
 3. After he was in a situation that seemed hopeless

God Still Answered Prayer