

No Happy Endings

Takeaway Truth

*The story of Judges has no happy ending;
but Samson's birth, life, and death point us to the coming Savior, Jesus.*

Text Walkthrough

Judges 13:1-5 (ESV)

1 And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, so the Lord gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

2 There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had no children. **3** And the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. **4** Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, **5** for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines."

1. Israel's _____ story points us to ourselves (Judges 13:1)
 - A. They don't even _____ out for help this time.
 - B. Sin is not violating our personal or community standards, but in violating God's Word.
2. Samson's birth story points us to Jesus (Judges 13:2-24)
 - A. God works through the _____ to bring about new life and salvation.
 - B. Trust God that He will do as He has promised.
 - C. You need to know God more than you need more _____.
3. Samson's life story points us to Israel's sin and our own (Judges 13:25-16:22)
 - A. God is _____ to us even when we are unfaithful to him.
4. Samson's death points us to our Savior-_____ Jesus (Judges 16:23-31)

Answers: Repetitive, Cry, Impossible, Rules, Faithful, King