

### 13. Sample Roof Crasher Lesson: Samson—What Were You Thinking?

Ask someone to read Judges 13:1–5.

This is the story of Samson. The following are some facts about this familiar biblical character:

- Very powerful Nazirite
- Dedicated to God
- Chosen to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines

But Samson created some challenges for himself as chronicled in chapter 14:

- Chose a Philistine woman as his wife
- Ate honey from a lion's carcass
- Tricked the Philistines with a riddle making a bet with them
- Was manipulated by his wife to get the answer to the riddle

These challenges bring up questions about Samson's judgment.

Chapter 15 chronicles how he defeated those who opposed him.

Ask someone to read about Samson and Delilah—Judges 16:1–22.

I have a few key observations: Samson obviously had judgment problems. Just look at how many times Delilah tried to fool him.

Read Judges 15:20. He was the king of Israel for twenty years; where were his advisors and people? I am sure they were not silent. Did he stop listening to them?

Choosing a wife is important and not to be taken lightly.

- What criteria should you use?
- If you have a relationship that repeatedly disappoints, examine the relationship soberly. Do you have people around you speaking into your life to whom you are not listening?