



How to Handle the Grey

Exchange 27 September 2014 - Discussion Questions

1. Samson had super-human strength. If you could have a superpower, which would you choose?
2. Was Samson's strength a gift or a curse?
3. Samson was chosen to be a judge before birth. Did he have a choice in how things turned out?
4. The name "Delilah" is synonymous with seductress. She received 1100 pieces of silver from each of the 5 Philistines for betraying Samson. That's about \$1 million today. Is there anything you would do for \$1 million that you wouldn't normally do?
5. Samson married a Philistine woman, killed a lion, posed a riddle to his wedding guests, left his wife, burned fields, killed more Philistines, loved Delilah, and finally committed suicide. What do you think were some factors that motivated Samson to make the decisions that he did? Can we relate?
6. Do you think Samson would have changed his course of action or attitude if he had been punished or weakened before things got out of hand (for example, the first time he did wrong)? Why or why not?
7. Do you think special vows (of poverty, consecration, chastity, silence, etc.) still have a place in today's society? Should they be promoted or condoned?
8. Does God ever ask us to do something that seems contrary to His previous commands?
9. What does it look like to trust in God? Does it mean waiting for definitive movements, external circumstances, or internal impulses?
10. What makes us feel vulnerable? Do we feel safe to be vulnerable before God? Why or why not?
11. Some "restrictions" or laws in the Bible make sense immediately ("Do not murder" Exodus 20:13) while others don't ("Don't wear clothing woven of two kinds of material" Leviticus 19:9). How do we know which commands are timeless and universal and which ones are cultural and time-specific?