

**Series Character Matters****Passage** Judges 13:21-25, 14:1-6**Title** The Problem of Going Nowhere**Speaker:** David Menard 01/22/2017

**Discussion Starter:** On Sunday we learned that being gifted and equipped by God is not is not all that is needed to walk in His calling on our lives. Beyond gifting and talent what is needed for us to properly progress in our calling from God?

**God Receives Your Worship** (Judges 13:21-23 Psalms 149:1-4)

- We see that Manoah's wife had the understanding that God desires and receives our worship. What does this reveal about God? What is God looking for in our worship?

**God Wants to Reveal Himself to You.** (Psalms 145:18, John 4:24)

- God reveals to us that His desire is for us to worship Him in spirit and truth. Describe in your own words what it means to worship in spirit and truth? What does it look like to worship this way?
- Are there are times when God will not receive our worship? Why would God reject our worship? What are some counterfeit ways we attempt to worship God?

**God Has a Calling on Your Life.** (Judges 13:24-25)

- Manoah and his wife had a calling from God on their lives. They were to have a son and raise him up to serve the LORD. How do we see God's faithfulness and desire to partner with Manoah and his wife as they stepped out in faith to fulfill their calling?
- Do you have a calling from God? What is your calling and how do you discover it?

**Satan Wants to HALT Our Ministry and DESTROY Our Life.** (Judges 14:1-6; 1Peter 5:8)

- At the end of chapter 13 we see that God is faithful to His promises and blesses Samson. When Samson grew up the Scripture said.. "then the Spirit of the LORD came upon him." It appears Samson was ready and equipped by God for his calling. As we move into chapter 14 we also see how quickly a person can depart from God's call on his or her life. What tactics do you see being deployed by Satan on Samson and his parents to derail them from their calling?
- According to 1 Peter 5:8 What does it mean to be to be **sober** and **vigilant** and how can that help us from being derailed from our calling?

**God Calls Us to PARTICIPATE in Our Transformation.** (1Corinthians 9:27)

- We know that God gifts us and He desires to use us in the building of His kingdom. In 1 Corinthians 9:27, Paul is comparing the spiritual requirement of disciplining our body to that of a professional athlete. Are there some of the areas in your life where we see God showing you where you need to be more disciplined?
- In what way do you feel God is calling you to go deeper participating in His call on your life?