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Sermon Title: "Finding Your Strength in God"

Text: Judges 13:1-5, 24-25

Series: Stronger

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, <sup>5</sup>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."

<sup>24</sup>And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the Lord blessed him. <sup>25</sup>And the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Romans 5:6 "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly."

2 Chronicles 16:9: "For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

## ***I. Where does Strength comes from? (vs. 1-5)***

### **1. Consecration to God**

### **2. Fullness of the Holy Spirit**

Eph. 5:18 (NASB)

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,"

Eph. 5:15-18 (Phillips Translation)

Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time, despite all the difficulties of these days. Don't be vague but firmly grasp what you know to be the will of God. Don't get your stimulus from wine (for there is always the danger of excessive drinking), but let the Spirit stimulate your souls.

### **3. Clean hands of integrity**

***II. What is strength needed for? (vs. 5b)***

1. Overcoming your enemies
2. Fulfilling your mission
3. Helping others

Vs. 5- he shall BEGIN to deliver Israel from the hands of the Philistines.

**He who began a good work in you, will be faithful to complete it.  
(Phillipians 1:6)**