THE WEAKENED JUDGE

ADULT
Unit 5
LESSON HANDOUT
Lesson 7

BIBLE TRUTH
God is my strength.

LEARNER GOAL
I can summarize how God was the strength of Samson and how He continues to be our strength today.

BIBLE VERSE
God, the Lord, is my strength. Habakkuk 3:19

Samson
Judges 16:4–31

REFLECTIONS

OPENING REFLECTION What would you say are the top two or three defining characteristics of a "strong" person, and why?

JUDGES 16:4–5 What is one detail about this short section that sticks out to you, and why is that? How does this set up a discussion about the strength of God's people?

JUDGES 16:6–17 How does Samson in this episode stand as a representation of the story of God's people throughout the Old Testament? How does the devil, the world, and our sinful nature work similarly on us?

JUDGES 16:18–22 Identify, from the text, the different ways Samson was brought low, through his own sinful choices, here. Then, relate this to how God's Law also works on us to bring us low and show us our need for rescue.

JUDGES 16:23–31 Consider the ways God salvaged Samson's weakness and sin to accomplish His purposes here. What does that tell us about the nature of God's strength and power to accomplish His purposes?

FINAL REFLECTION In your own words, summarize how God was the strength of Samson and how He continues to be our strength today.

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