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REFLECTIONS ON MOTHERHOOD BY A WAYWARD CHILD

Judges 13:1-16:31 (p. 221)

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SAMSON MAY HAVE ...

1. Realized the _____ of her _____. (13:2)

THE CHALLENGE Be _____ towards Mom because she's _____!

2. Recognized the _____ of her _____. (13:3-5)

THE LESSON Most Moms do _____ at a really _____.

3. Reaffirmed the _____ of her _____. (13:24-14:4)

HER JOB _____ . (See Prov. 1:8; Prov. 17:25)

4. Regretted the _____ of her _____. (14:5-9)

THE CHALLENGE → _____.

5. Returned to the _____ of her _____. (16:20-28; Ps. 27:10)

OUR CONCLUDING THOUGHT



Samson's strength didn't return because of the _____, but because of the _____. (See Heb. 11:32)

SERMON BASED DEVOTIONAL QUESTIONS
FROM THE MAY 9/10, 2015 MESSAGE

Small groups are on a break, resuming next week. These questions are for personal reflection and application of the message. The best ways to prepare are to re-read the passage and review the outline.

Going Deeper With God and His Word

1. Spend some time thinking about your mom. What do you know that helps "personalize" her for you? In what ways can you be more gracious toward her simply because she is human? Ask her to share some of the defining moments of her life.
2. Think back on the counsel you've received from her. What wisdom has she passed along to you that has really helped you in life? Put another way, how has her wisdom shaped who you are? Spend a moment or two thanking God for what He taught you through her.
3. How are you doing at including mom in your life? Would you like to be better at this? Think through some things you can do and then do them.
4. Is it time to return to the biblical standards she raised you with? Is it time to pray a prayer of repentance and returning to God? If it is, don't put it off. Is there anything EFCC can do to help you move forward? Contact us — we're here for you!

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(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

SAMSON MAY HAVE ...

1. Realized the **reality** of her **personhood**. (13:2)

THE CHALLENGE: Be **gracious** towards Mom because she's **human!**

2. Recognized the **pressure** of her **responsibilities**. (13:3-5)

THE LESSON: Most Moms do **their best** at a really **hard job**.

"There is nothing easy about good mothering. It can be back breaking, heart wrenching and anxiety producing ... and that's just the morning hours!" Janet Bly

3. Reaffirmed the **wisdom** of her **counsel**. (13:24-14:4)

HER JOB: **Pass along wisdom**. (See Prov. 1:8; Prov. 17:25)

"Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching;"
Proverbs 1:8

"A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him." Proverbs 17:25

"A mom can lead her children to spiritual water, but she can't make them drink it!"
Anonymous

4. Regretted the **neglect** of her **inclusion**. (14:5-9)

THE CHALLENGE: **Tell her**.

5. Returned to the **standards** of her **heart**. (16:20-28; Ps. 27:10)

"For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me up." Psalm
27:10

OUR CONCLUDING THOUGHT: Samson's strength didn't return because of the **regrowth of his hair**, but because of the **return of his heart**. (See Heb. 11:32)