Control Your Passions

Judges 13:1–14:20

[Samson's Dedication, Destiny, Blessing, and Succumbing to His Passions]

Sunday, February 15, 2026 – Pastor Patrick Ransom

SERMON OUTLINE

I. GOD'S ACTION

A. The **graciousness** of God (13:1, 3, 19, 24–25)

B. Samson's divine conception, dedication, and destiny (13:2–5)

C. Samson: divinely blessed & endowed (13:24–25)

II. MAN'S REACTION

A. Israelites' continued evildoing (13:1)

B. Imperceptive parents: naming of "Samson" (13:6–23)

C. Samson's insistence on doing what is right in his **own eyes** (14:1–4, 7)

D. Samson's neglect of the Nazarite regulations (14:4–5, 8–10, 19)

E. Consequence of Samson's uncontrolled passions (14:12–20)

III. APPLICATION: CONTROL YOUR PASSIONS!

A. Specifics on how we can control our passions, whatever they may be.

SERMON NOTES

NEXT WEEK:
Be Faithful to Your Calling
Judges 15:1–16:31

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THEOLOGICAL FOCUS: THOUGH GOD REMAINS GRACIOUS, A DEVOTIONLESS REJECTION OF DIVINE INTERESTS IN FAVOR OF SELFISH PASSIONS LEADS TO TROUBLE.