New Hope Small Group and Family Worship 4/21/24

- 1. **Scripture reading** (Consider reading aloud): Deuteronomy 30:11-20
- 2. **Prayer** I recommend taking a couple of minutes to pray. If you are with family or in a small group you may want to take turns praying out loud.
- 3. Worship playlist Consider singing along with our YouTube worship playlist: April 21 YouTube
- 4. **Video message**: Watch the video message on the YouTube playlist. Here is a direct link: Samson, One of the Weakest Men in the Bible (youtube.com)
- 5. **Final song**: Watch the last song on the playlist.
- 6. **Discussion questions**: If you are watching alone, please consider calling someone this week to discuss your answers. If you are not sure who to call please text me (Ben 814-880-3049) and we will help you connect with someone.
 - a. Why do you think so much of the book of Judges is devoted to the story of Samson?
 - b. What is your overall impression of Samson as a man?
 - c. Why might someone look up to Samson or idolize him? Why is this attitude misguided?
 - d. What is the meaning of 2 Corinthians 6:14-15? How do you fell about this verse? How does this verse relate to the story of Samson?
 - e. What might it look like to have to choose between pleasing God and pleasing your children?
 - f. If you were Samson's parents, what would you have done? How might you have responded to his request?
 - g. What did it look like for Israel to accommodate to the sinful culture of the Philistines? What might it look like for Christians today to compromise truth in order to fit into the values of culture?
 - h. Why do you think Samson did not tell his parents about the lion?
 - i. In what ways did Samson's riddle end up making his life miserable?
 - j. Why might the statement of verse 18, "What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?" be seen as mockery?
 - k. What faith lessons can we draw out of chapter 14?

7. Close in prayer

Helpful Information:

- We would love to have you get more involved in our faith community. If you would like to receive weekly emails about upcoming events please contact Pastor Ben at benorshannon@gmail.com and we will add you to our list.
- Another way to get more connected is by clicking the <u>like and subscribe</u> link below one of our videos. You will then receive notifications when new content is posted.
- In addition, you can also connect with us on **Facebook**. Search for New Hope Church State College.
- If you are interested in getting involved in a small group Bible study, please text Ben (814-880-3049).

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