Samson: A Nazirite Judge

"For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods ..." 1 Kings 11:4 (English Standard Version)

Romans 12:2 - How can we _____ that God's will is _____?

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A. Hebrews 11:32 - Samson is listed among some of the people who are listed because of their _____ in God.

B. Judges 13 - The special calling of Samson:

- 1. 13:1 God allowed the ______ to subject Israel.
- 2. 13:2-5 The ______ of the Lord tells Manoah's wife that she will have a _____. No _____ was to come upon his head; he would be a Nazarite, and would Israel from the Philistines.
- 3. "Nazirite" means one who is _____
- 4. 13:24,25 The of the Lord began to him.
- C. Background: the Nazirite vow:
 - 1. Numbers 6:1-6 Three requirements: separation from and anything from the _____; his _____ was to be grown _____; and no contact with a _____ body.
 - 2. Some who were Nazirites:

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A. Samson's amazing strength:

- 1. 13:25 The of the Lord began to him.
- 2. 14:5,6 By the Spirit he _____ a young _____.
- 3. 14:19 By the Spirit he struck down _____ Philistines.
- 4. 15:14,15 By the Spirit he killed _____ Philistines with just the ______ of a _____.
- 5. 16:3 He carried a city _____ about ____ miles away.
- B. 16:20-22,28-30 When his _____ was shaved, he was taken by the Philistines, and his eyes _____ out.

C. The true source of power:

- itself .
- 3. Ephesians 3:20 God's _____ is at work within _____.

Judges 16:17 - Samson's _____ was in _____, not his hair.

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