

## Part 2 | What Drives You

What drives your actions and behaviors can be, and often is, driven from feelings of low self-worth. But knowing who we are in God's eyes is the key to living from a strong core.

**Bottom Line:** Self-worth is found in God's love and grace.

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Growing up, what kinds of things did you do to impress people or to gain someone's attention? Why do people generally do things to impress or gain the approval of others?
- 2. Read Judges 14:10-20. What are some things that Samson did in order to gain acceptance or prove something to others? What was the result?
  - a. Verse 20 says that Samson was "burning with anger." Why was he angry? Who was responsible? Who wound up suffering the consequences?
- 3. Judges 14:19 and 15:14 indicate that "the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon" Samson and that as a result he used his God-given superhuman strength as a means of personal vengeance. From this we learn that people can use their God-given gifts and abilities for good or for bad.
  - a. What are some ways that you are using your gifts and abilities for good, for something that honors God? What positive results have you seen? How have you found success in understanding and using your God given potential?
- 4. Read Romans 5:8 and Ephesians 2:1-5. What do these passages tell you about your intrinsic worth to God? From where does your worth come? How could living from this reality change things in your life?
- 5. What has been the most helpful or encouraging thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
- 6. How can the group encourage you this week?

<u>Prayer:</u> Father, thank you for your gift of worthiness. Thank you that I don't have to prove anything, accomplish anything, or succeed in any way to gain your approval. Thank you that I am worthy of your love right where I am. Help me to live in this reality and to accept myself as you accept me.