



Question: Based on what is going on in your life, what are you trying to control?

Answer: *you have no control!*

Remind Yourself... God Has The Bigger Picture

14 *One day when Samson was in Timnah, one of the Philistine women caught his eye.² When he returned home, he told his father and mother, "A young Philistine woman in Timnah caught my eye. I want to marry her. Get her for me."³ His father and mother objected. "Isn't there even one woman in our tribe or among all the Israelites you could marry?" they asked. "Why must you go to the pagan Philistines to find a wife?" But Samson told his father, "Get her for me! She looks good to me."⁴ His father and mother didn't realize the LORD was at work in this, creating an opportunity to work against the Philistines, who ruled over Israel at that time. Judges 14:1-4 (NLT)*

- Everyone is born with a *predestined purpose* that will be lived out in *accordance to God's plan!*

13 *Again the Israelites did evil in the LORD's sight, so the LORD handed them over to the Philistines, who oppressed them for forty years.² In those days a man named Manoah from the tribe of Dan lived in the town of Zorah. His wife was unable to become pregnant, and they had no children.³ The angel of the LORD appeared to Manoah's wife and said, "Even though you have been unable to have children, you will soon become pregnant and give birth to a son.⁴ So be careful; you must not drink wine or any other alcoholic drink nor eat any forbidden food.⁵ You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and his hair must never be cut. For he will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines." Judges 13:1-5 (NLT)*

- God has it all planned out: *bringing his plan* and *our purpose together* to accomplish the bigger picture he has in mind!

- Sometimes we forget to find the "*message in the message!*"!

⁶ *The woman ran and told her husband, "A man of God appeared to me! He looked like one of God's angels, terrifying to see. I didn't ask where he was from, and he didn't tell me his name."⁷ But he told me, "You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must not drink wine or any other alcoholic drink nor eat any forbidden food. For your son will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from the moment of his birth until the day of his death." Judges 13:6-7 (NLT)*

- Commit to doing your part and *CHOOSE* to *REST in God's peace*, waiting for him to carry out his plan!

²¹ *The angel did not appear again to Manoah and his wife. Manoah finally realized it was the angel of the LORD,²² and he said to his wife, "We will certainly die, for we have seen God!"²³ But his wife said, "If the LORD were going to kill us, he wouldn't have accepted our burnt offering and grain offering. He wouldn't have appeared to us and told us this wonderful thing and done these miracles." Judges 13:21-23 (NLT)*

- God is gracefully using all of our *everyday activities* as part of our "*NOT-MAKING-SENSE*" mission!

³ *His father and mother objected. "Isn't there even one woman in our tribe or among all the Israelites you could marry?" they asked. "Why must you go to the pagan Philistines to find a wife?" But Samson told his father, "Get her for me! She looks good to me."⁴ His father and mother didn't realize the LORD was at work in this, creating an opportunity to work against the Philistines, who ruled over Israel at that time. Judges 14:3-4 (NLT)*

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