

ONE CONVERSATION

***Parents:** Sin makes you do stupid things. If we are honest, we have all found ourselves doing and saying things that we never would have thought we would do or say because of the power of sin. Perhaps the worst mistake students or anyone, for that matter, can make when it comes to temptation is to think it is not a big deal. It is a dangerous proposition not to take temptation seriously—this is what led Samson to compromise the mission God had given him, endangering the people of Israel who God had raised him up to protect. Discuss the power of temptation with your son or daughter, particularly with regard to inappropriate relationships. Samson's desire for Delilah so overtook him that he was unable to think clearly and he made decisions that were destructive to both himself and God's people. Challenge your son or daughter to take careful stock of his or her priorities. The mission God has given us is too precious and too important to compromise it for the fleeting pleasures of sin.*

Read Judges 16:4-6, 13-20 and discuss the cycle of sin and how it repeats itself throughout the Book of Judges. Share with your son or daughter how you personally deal with the sin in your life. This should encourage them to do the same and to make confession a regular part of his or her prayer life.

CENTRAL TRUTH

The mission God has given us requires fighting temptation and uprooting sin.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** Read 1 Corinthians 10:12-14. Have you identified the means of escape God provides when you face temptation? How might knowing that God provides an escape, give you confidence in your fight against sin? What idols or potential idols might you need to flee from this week? Journal your answers to these questions.
- › **Memorize:** Judges 17:6
- › **Pray:** Thank God for promising to always provide us a means of escape when face temptation. Thank Him also for Jesus, who, though He was without sin, became sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21). Pray that God would help you see that fighting sin is essential to living on mission for Christ. Pray that God would help you and your group to determine to put the sin in your lives to death for the purpose of pointing others to Christ.