

Samson Loses His Strength
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Judges 16

How did Samson end up this way?

1) Samson neglected his calling and it cost him!

Nazirite- “to be separated out”

Lost: his strength

Opportunity to willingly be used by God

Blessings and Benefits

If you are a believer, have you neglected the fact that you are God’s child and that God has set you apart? Are you in God’s family or a part of God’s family?

2) Samson was directed by his selfish desires (desires were not the problem they were the result of the problem).

Women

Alcohol

Physical appetite- Lion

Have you been directed by your own selfish desires? Are you following things that are not of God?

These “things” are not the problem they are often the result of the problem! The problem is taking your eyes off of the Lord and getting sidetracked; it happens one choice at a time.

3) Samson did as he saw fit and it affected all those around him.

*In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit. **Judges 17:6***

Parents- probably grieved

The beginning of the deliverance came through disobedience rather than obedience.

Notice that in Hebrews 11:32-37, Samson was a man of faith...though not a faithful man. As we see in Judges 16:23-31, Samson was not a faithful man...but a man of faith, none the less.

What can we learn from Samson to avoid his missteps?

Hebrews 12:1-3

- 1) Throw off all things not of God**
- 2) Keep your eyes on Jesus the “everything” of your faith**
- 3) Consider the opposition he faced and be encouraged.**

What symptoms are you dealing with this morning? Quit dealing with the symptoms and deal with the issue! We must seek Jesus and follow Him with all that we have.