

## Topic: Samson – A Hero of Faith?

Scriptures: Judges 16:25-30

25 While they were in high spirits, they shouted, “Bring out Samson to entertain us.” So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. When they stood him among the pillars, 26 Samson said to the servant who held his hand, “Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them.” 27 Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. 28 Then Samson prayed to the Lord, “Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes.” 29 Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, 30 Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!” Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.

### Introduction

- Why heroes matter?
- Why is Samson a “hero of faith”? (*Hebrews 11*)

### Samson

1. God set Samson apart for His purpose. (*Judges 13:5*)
2. Samson gratified the desires of the flesh. (*Judges 14:1-3, Judges 16:1*)
3. Samson was emotionally driven rather than spiritually led. (*Judges 14 to 15*)
4. Strength is to be guarded; unguarded strength is a weakness. (*Judges 16:4-14*)
5. Disobedience is a sin and will have consequences (*Deuteronomy 7:1-2, Judges 2:3, Judges 16:25*)

6. Repentance brings transformation. Samson believed God would take away his shame through his repentance. (*Judges 16:28*)
7. Samson acted in faith at a critical time. He served God’s purpose. (*Judges 16:30*)

### Three Levels of Application

#### a. Personal level

- All Christians are to be set apart as priests in the Lord’s service. (*1Peter 2:9*)
- Guard our heart by keeping God’s commands (*Proverb 4:23, Proverb 3:1*)

#### b. Family level

- Lead our children by appealing to their conscience; help them build strong moral warehouses. (*Proverb 22:6*)
- Husbands, love your wife; Wives, respect your husband. (*Ephesians 5:33*)

#### c. Church

- How do we use our gifts for the church? (*1 Corinthians 12:27, 1Peter 4:10*)

### Conclusion

- We are called to be heroes of faith
- Jesus is the author and finisher of faith. (*Hebrews 12:2 KJV*)

### Discussion Question

- How would you respond?