

Hero of Faith – Samson

Overview of Study

Samson is one of the most famous judges of Israel, known for his strength but also for his failures. Though impulsive, flawed, and self-centered at times, he never doubted that God was real and present. His story reminds us that our strength comes from the Lord, disobedience leads to weakness, God uses imperfect people, and faith means trusting that God will always be there.

Key Points

1. **Samson's Strength Was From God** – His power came only through the Spirit of the Lord (Judges 14:6). The hair symbolized his Nazarite vow, but the true source was God's Spirit.
 2. **Disobedience Leads to Weakness and Bondage** – Breaking his vow led to blindness, captivity, and humiliation (Judges 16:19–21). Sin always weakens us.
 3. **God Uses Imperfect People** – Despite failures, Samson still fulfilled God's mission to disrupt the Philistines (Judges 15:14–15; 16:28–30).
 4. **Samson Trusted God's Presence** – Even in his last moments, Samson prayed in faith, knowing God would hear and answer (Judges 16:28).
 5. **Faith is Not About Perfection, But Dependence** – Like Samson, we may stumble, but God is faithful to forgive and strengthen us (1 John 1:9).
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Reflective Questions

1. Where do I tend to rely on my own strength instead of God's?
 2. What "small disobediences" might be leading me toward weakness or bondage?
 3. How has God used me even in my imperfections?
 4. Do I truly believe God is with me, even when I fail?
 5. What area of my life do I need to turn back over to God for strength?
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Action Steps

- **Acknowledge:** This week, write down one area where you've been relying on your own strength.
 - **Confess:** Bring to God a sin or failure that's weakening you. Trust Him to forgive and restore.
 - **Depend:** Start each day with a short prayer: *"Lord, You are my strength. Use me for Your will today."*
 - **Encourage:** Share with someone else how God has been faithful, even in your weakness.
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Conclusion

Samson's story is not about human perfection, but about God's power and faithfulness. We learn that God's Spirit is our true strength, disobedience weakens us, and yet God uses flawed people to fulfill His purposes. Like Samson, we can trust that no matter how far we've fallen, God is always there when we turn back to Him.