

Message: Why did God use Samson?

Text: Judges 16:23-31

Call to Worship: Hebrews 11:28-34

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Introduction: Redemption of a Serial Killer

I. Samson's Story (Judges 13-16)

- The story starts with Israel's _____ and God's punishment (13:1)
- God's solution is to miraculously birth a boy who will be a _____ (13:4-5)
- Early in Samson's life he was _____ by the Holy Spirit (13:25)
- God gave Samson great _____ (14:6,19; 15:14-17; 16:3)
- God had Samson expose the _____ of the Philistine god Dagon (15:3-5; 16:23-30)
- God placed Samson as _____ over Israel for 20 years (15:20; 16:31)
- But Samson _____ with pride, anger and lust
- Samson did great things for God, but he did not remain _____ to his Nazarite vow (Numbers 6:1-21)

II. Samson's Redemption

- Samson's life is a story of compromise:
 - a. He disregarded _____ (14:3; 15:8)
 - b. He ignored good _____ (14:3)
 - c. He broke the _____ (14:8-9; 15:15-17; 16:1)
 - d. He used _____ as a tool (14:19; 15:3,7)
 - e. He overestimated his own _____ (Chapter 16, esp. V. 20)
 - f. He _____ his mistakes
- Yet God used him to _____ Israel and to wipe out all the Philistine rulers, plus over 3000 elite Philistine men and women (16:27)
- Finally _____, Samson calls upon the Lord in repentance (16:28)

Conclusion: How Are You Like Samson? (Romans 5:6-10)



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