

How Are You Going To Do It?

“**I looked for a man** among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but **I found none.**” - *Ezekiel 22:30 NIV*

A Man's Greatest FEAR Is _____;
His Greatest PAIN Is _____.

SAMSON'S LIFE ILLUSTRATES:

FAILURE Is An _____, Not A _____!

Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, “Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands.” When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying, “Our god has delivered our enemy into our hands, the one who **laid waste our land** and **multiplied our slain.**” 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. - *Judges 16:23-25 NIV*

RESPONSES TO FAILURE

1. The Natural Response Is _____.

2. The Better Response Is _____.

When they stood him among the pillars, 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.” ... Then Samson prayed to the Lord, “O Sovereign LORD, remember me. O God, please strengthen me **just once more.**” - *Judges 16:25-26, 28 NIV*

- Even In Our _____, God Can Still Accomplish His _____!

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, 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. - *Judges 16:29-30 NIV*

MAKING IT COUNT

A. What Pillars Do You Need To Push Down?

B. How Are You Going To Do It?

Though a righteous man falls seven times, **he rises again.**” - *Proverbs 24:16 NIV*

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Describe one of your biggest failures. Did you respond more with remorse or repentance? Explain.
- What regrets do you struggle with? How have these regrets affected you and your relationship with Christ?
- How have you seen past failures limit your future opportunities?
- How have you seen God accomplish His purposes in the midst of your failures?
- What pillars are you pushing down right now? How are you going to do it?
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you begin to pray this week in order to die daily to Christ?