



SAMPSON – REALLY?

Moral Mayhem Pt 5

Judges 16

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“What do you do – when your body wants what your heart knows is wrong?”

- Tindell Baldwin, **“Popular”**

Story of Sampson - Judges 14 and 16

(v. 1) *“Samson went down to Timnah and saw there a young Philistine woman.*

(v. 2) *When he returned, he said to his father and mother, ‘I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife.’*

(v. 3) *His father and mother replied, ‘Isn’t there an acceptable woman among your relatives or among all our people? Must you go to the uncircumcised Philistines to get a wife?’”*

A few words to men:

A few words to women:

Judges 16

(v. 5) *“The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, ‘See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver.’*

(v. 6) *So Delilah said to Samson, ‘Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued.’*

(v. 7) *Samson answered her, 'If anyone ties me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, I'll become as weak as any other man.'*

(v. 8) *Then the rulers of the Philistines brought her seven fresh bowstrings that had not been dried, and she tied him with them.*

(v. 9) *With men hidden in the room, she called to him, 'Samson, the Philistines are upon you!' But he snapped the bowstrings as easily as a piece of string snaps when it comes close to a flame. So the secret of his strength was not discovered.*

(v. 10) *Then Delilah said to Samson, 'You have made a fool of me; you lied to me. Come now, tell me how you can be tied.'*

(v. 13) *Delilah then said to Samson, 'All this time you have been making a fool of me and lying to me. Tell me how you can be tied.'*

(v. 15) *Then she said to him, 'How can you say to me, "I love you!" when you won't confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven't told me the secret of your great strength.'*

(v. 16) *With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was sick to death of it.*

(v. 17) *So he told her everything. 'No razor has ever been used on my head,' he said, 'because I have been a Nazirite dedicated to God from my mother's womb. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man.'*

(v. 20) *Then she called, 'Samson, the Philistines are upon you!' He awoke from his sleep and thought, 'I'll go out as before and shake myself free.' But he did not know that the Lord had left him.*

(v. 21) *Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes..."*

I Corinthians 6:19-20 "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is IN you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."