

# SHADOWS

## GLIMPSES OF JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

### Samson

Week 6 | Judges 16:1-31

All throughout the Old Testament, we see story after story of faithful yet flawed men and women whose lives reflect glimpses of the **glory** of the coming King, Jesus Christ.

After the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt, they quickly abandoned the Lord and doubted his faithfulness as he was leading them into the land that he had promised them. Because of their unbelief, the Lord caused them to wander in the wilderness for forty years, until the faithless generations of Israel had passed away. Moses, after his passing, was succeeded by Joshua, a man faithful to the Lord, who led Israel to conquer the land that God had promised them. Joshua led Israel well; but soon after his death, Israel again abandoned the Lord. The Lord caused his people to come under the subjugation of a foreign nation as a result of their sin and rebellion. However, God did not abandon his people, and when they cried out to him, he raised up a judge—a warrior-ruler—to free his people from slavery. Israel enjoyed peace and prosperity in the presence of the Lord, until they abandoned him again, and God again turned them over to another foreign nation. This cycle continued over and over again, until Samson—Israel's final judge—was born.


#### BEFORE YOU START


Pray for God to illuminate his word, guide the conversation, and stir our souls.


If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Read **Judges 16:1-31**.

Summarize the passage in your own words. What stands out to you?

 What is the difference between Samson's heart posture in life versus death? How do you see these differences?

 Where do you see the dangers of your own pride in your life? Where do you see the fruit of humility?

 Samson consistently flirted with temptation until it literally led to his death. Are there any temptations that you've allowed to linger that you need to put to death?

 How is Jesus the true and better Samson?

#### BEFORE YOU'RE SENT

What is God teaching you? What are you going to do about it? How can we help?

How can we pray for you? For your neighbors?