

Sermon Notes

“Samson #2 – Emotions That Take Strong Men Down”

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Judges 15:14-20

- The Story of Samson – Incredible Potential – Tragically Wasted
- Overcoming Samson’s Failures:
 - o Lust – Judges 14:1-2 = I want God – Matthew 6:22
 - o Entitlement – Judges 14:6b = I want to serve God – Romans 6:23
 - o Pride – Judges 14:9b, 10 = I can’t do anything without God – Proverbs 16:18
- What drives your life?
- Samson’s wedding
 - o Philistine woman he was not supposed to marry.
 - o 30 Groomsmen – Philistine men.
 - o The Riddle that causes the problems – Judges 14:14
 - o They get the answer from his wife.
 - o He kills them.
 - o His wife is given away.
 - o He goes home – Judges 14:19b
 - o Foxes! This is where the story gets bizarre!
 - o The emotion – Judges 15:11b – I did to them what they did to me.
- Overcoming our emotionally driven decisions
 - o Cry out to God – Judges 15:18a
 - o Become Spirit Led – Galatians 5:14-16
 - o Practice acts of faith – worship, prayer, Bible Study, serving, etc.