



### **Samson: A Tragic Hero**

Hebrews 11:32 (Judges 13-16)

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*“And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets....”* **Hebrews 11:32**

### **The Backdrop**

*“Again the Israelites did evil in the Lord’s sight, so the Lord handed them over to the Philistines, who oppressed them for forty years.”* **Judges 13:1**

### **Samson’s Birth**

*“You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and his hair must never be cut. For he will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines.”* **Judges 13:5**

### **Samson’s Death**

*“Then Samson prayed to the Lord, ‘Sovereign Lord, remember me again. O God, please strengthen me just one more time. With one blow let me pay back the Philistines for the loss of my two eyes.’ 29 Then Samson put his hands on the two center pillars that held up the temple. Pushing against them with both hands, 30 he prayed. ‘Let me die with the Philistines.’ And the temple crashed down on the Philistine rulers and all the people. So he killed more people when he died than he had during his entire lifetime.”* **Judges 16:28-30**

## Samson's Women

### 1. The Philistine Woman from Timnah

*"But Samson told his father, 'Get her for me! She looks good to me.' 4 His father and mother didn't realize the Lord was at work in this, creating an opportunity to work against the Philistines, who ruled over Israel at that time." **Judges 14:3b-4***

*God's Sovereignty and Samson's Sin.  
God's purpose was accomplished through Samson's Sin.  
God uses sinful people to accomplish His purposes.  
Samson still paid for his sin - slavery, eyes gouged out and death.*

### 2. The Prostitute

*"One day Samson went to the Philistine town of Gaza and spent the night with a prostitute." **Judges 16:1***

### 3. Delilah

*"Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek. 5 The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said 'Entice Samson to tell you what makes him so strong and how he can be overpowered and tied up securely. Then each of us will give you 1,100 pieces of silver.'" **Judges 16:4-5***

## The Conclusion

Samson's Flirtation with Sin Finally Caught Up to Him

Samson was a Tragic-Hero

*"Then Samson prayed to the Lord, 'Sovereign Lord, remember me again. O God, please strengthen me just one more time.'" **Judges 16:28***

*"Do not neglect (careless) your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you." **1 Timothy 4:14***