



...and the
Title
of
your Life
Story is ...



life

is a

story

what does yours
say?

STORIES CHANGE LIVES

WILL YOU EXAMINE THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE?

SAMSON



What do you already know about Samson?

SAMSON



HISTORY

Found: Judges 13-16

Mother: Unnamed

Father: Manoah

Named: Shimshon (Samson) wall, sun, protector

Born: In Philistine captivity

Promise: If I give you a child then your son must take a Nazirite vow.



VIDEO

SAMSON



NAZARITE VOW

1. Drink no wine or fermented drink
2. Hair must never be cut
3. Eat nothing unclean
4. Dedicated to God from birth
5. Take the lead in delivering Israel

SAMSON



HIS SUCCESSES

1. Dedicated his whole life to God
2. Ruled for 20 years modestly with integrity
3. Brings down the temple as display.
4. Kills himself and all those in the temple.

SAMSON



HIS MISTAKES

1. Eats honey from a dead lion
2. Falls in love and she gives the riddle answer
3. Kills 30 men in a fit of rage
4. Kills 1000 men with a donkey jaw bone
5. Falls in love with Delilah a Philistine woman
6. Tells her his secret (eyes gouged out)

SAMSON



YOU AND I

SAMSON	YOU
Dedicated to God from birth	Dedicated by your parents
Made Mistakes	Make Mistakes
Hair must never be cut	God's Rules to live by
Take the lead in delivering Israel	Follow God – Influence Others
Given grace when he failed	Given grace when we fail
2nd and 3rd Chances	2nd and 3rd Chances
Always desired to do right	What about you?



Small
groups
life's better in groups



- ? Samson understood the grace of God. He kept trying to do right but learned to accept God's forgiveness. How about you?**
 - ? What biblical rules do you fight against in your life?**
 - ? How can you live more by God's rules?**
 - ? What do you think the lesson of Samson's life is?**
- CHALLENGE:**
- ? Find one thing you are fighting God on that you know is wrong, but you haven't changed yet and decide to give it to God and change. Share with your youth leader to help you be accountable to change.**