

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE – 06.21.15
SERIES: SAMSON: THE SECRET OF STRENGTH
WEEK #3: Small Steps Big Regrets

3 Steps to destroy your life:

1. Play with fire

Judges 16:1-3 (ESV)

1 Samson went to Gaza, and there he saw a prostitute, and he went in to her. 2 The Gazites were told, "Samson has come here." And they surrounded the place and set an ambush for him all night at the gate of the city. They kept quiet all night, saying, "Let us wait till the light of the morning; then we will kill him." 3 But Samson lay till midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts, and pulled them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that is in front of Hebron.

1 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV)

12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

2. Rationalize the same old sin

Judges 16:4-6 (ESV)

4 After this he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. 5 And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Seduce him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to humble him. And we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver." 6 So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and how you might be bound, that one could subdue you."

Judges 16:17 (ESV)

17 And he told her all his heart, and said to her, "A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man."

Judges 16:19 (ESV)

19 She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and **his strength left him.**

3. Believe it will never catch up to you

Judges 16:20-21 (ESV)

20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "**I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.**" But he did not know that the LORD had left him. 21 And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison.

Judges 16:22 (ESV)

22 But the hair of his head **began to grow** again after it had been shaved.