

**SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE 061415**  
**SERIES: SAMSON - THE SECRET OF STRENGTH**  
**WEEK 2**

**Judges 14:19-20 (ESV)**

19 And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon and struck down thirty men of the town and took their spoil and gave the garments to those who had told the riddle. In **hot anger** he went back to his father's house. 20 And Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had been his best man.

**1. Samson burned with ANGER**

**A. Reacting out of anger FEELS POWERFUL,**

**B. And revenge FEELS RIGHT,**

**Judges 15:3 (ESV)**

3 And Samson said to them, "This time I shall be innocent in regard to the Philistines, when I do them harm."

**C. But it only REVEALS our FOOLISHNESS.**

**Proverbs 29:11 (NLT)**

11 Fools vent their anger, but the wise quietly hold it back.

**Romans 12:19-21 (ESV)**

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Judges 15:14-16 (ESV)**

14 When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. **Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him,** and the ropes that were on his arms became as flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands.

15 And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and put out his hand and took it, and with it he struck 1,000 men.

16 And Samson said, "With the jawbone of a donkey, heaps upon heaps, **with the jawbone of a donkey have I struck down a thousand men.**"

**2. Samson swelled with PRIDE**

**A. PRIDE CONCEALS our weaknesses,**

**Proverbs 16:18 (ESV)**

18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

**B. But HUMILITY REVEALS God's strength.**

**2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)**

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**Judges 15:18-19 (ESV)**

18 And he was very thirsty, and **he called upon the LORD** and said, "**You have granted this great salvation** by the hand of your servant, and shall I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?" 19 And God split open the hollow place that is at Lehi, and water came out from it. And when he drank, his spirit returned, and he revived.