



Judges

Part #8 –
Samson

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Introduction

Key Scriptures

- Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her. – Judges 16:1
- And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that *is* before Hebron. And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. – Judges 16:3,4



Introduction – Cont'd

Key Scriptures

- And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength *lieth*, and by what *means* we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred *pieces* of silver. – Judges 16:5
- And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee. – Judges 16:6
- That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man. – Judges 16:17



Keys

And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. – Judges 16:28

- So much potential, so much abilities, so much invested!
- The temporal benefits of compromise
- Incredible losses from hasty decisions



In this lesson

The Calculus of Compromise

- The role of noble influencers
- The rough jagged edge of Compromises
- The repose at the penthouse on 16th Avenue S, Suite D



The role of noble influencers

Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her. – Judges 16:1

- The powerful voices of the woman
- While women of infinite graces have been behind the success of many men and vice versa, there are seven occasions in scripture where they have been the outright exposure and downfall of great and notable men, like Samson, Solomon, Sisera, David
- Samson's nemeses - The lust after three women in quick succession brought this man of immense strength down.
- If only an influential women such as Deborah could have been by his side?



The role of noble influencers – Cont'd

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- The cry of wisdom is the cry of a woman's voice – yearning for the young and restless to turn in hither! – Proverbs 1:20-25
- Give not thy strength unto women nor thy ways to that which destroys kings – is the infinite counsel of a mother to a future king!
- It is common sense to find a mentor whose wisdom is critical to your destiny and success



The rough jagged edge of Compromises

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- The first indication of listening devices – Samson was not aware of
- She could raise her voice at a moment's notice to summon the security

From Samson's life we understand the effects of compromise:

1. You are not the only one affected by your decisions
2. You are never alone in the decision
3. Compromise is costly!



The rough jagged edge of Compromises – Cont'd

4. Compromises consumes courage
5. Compromise betrays covenants
6. Compromise entraps
7. Compromise enfeebles
8. Compromise leaves you without your royal status and garments
9. Compromise blinds
10. Compromise removes your God-given line of defense and protection



The rough jagged edge of Compromises – Cont'd

11. Warnings become pleasurable when compromises are present
12. Compromise makes you spiritually naked
13. Compromise reveals secret that are not meant to be disclosed
14. Compromises are life threatening
15. Compromises lead to lying
16. Compromise corrodes standards, if there are any?
17. Compromise makes you unaware of present dangers
18. Compromise on the part of the believer emboldens the unbeliever



The rough jagged edge of Compromises – Cont'd

19. Compromise changes your life purposes and objectives to that for which it was never intended
20. Compromise is the result of short-sighted vision
21. The benefits of compromise are temporal
22. The effects of compromise may be terminal
23. Compromises result in incredible and perhaps unrecoverable losses
24. Compromise causes you to give your strength to others
25. Compromise steals your vision and pervert justice



The rough jagged edge of Compromises – Cont'd

26. Compromise allows you to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season

27. The wounds of compromise are also material, mental, or physical

28. The pressure of compromise is unrelenting once attended to

29. There is a promise in compromise – you will be found out!

30. The impatience of compromise is evident at the suggestion of going along its paths



The repose at the penthouse on 16th Avenue S, Suite D

And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. - Judges 16:4

Penthouse with a 5,500 pieces of silver bounty

- Samson went down the valley in search of a wife
- Sorek was a place of choice vines – Delilah lived there
- Five lords of the Philistines wanted him dead!
- Delilah means feeble – She enfeebled Samson quite alright!
- The Bible tells us that he loved her!
- He loved trouble and was drawn to it



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And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. – Judges 16:4

- It was as if he was cursed and was drawn to it
- He was not longer using his head, or even using his eyes
- Tell me I pray thee....
 - Three suggestions to close to home! – Seven green withs; new ropes; weaving of seven locks
 - The pressure in compromise is unrelenting
 - They took him in the weakness of his flesh!



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And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; – Judges 16:16

- He never heeded his parents warning?
- Even Delilah knew love must involve the heart not word only!
- She pressed him daily – no escape to reconstitute his thoughts – the pressure was on!
- She wearied him until death seemed more tolerable
- The sleep of de-sensitivity neutralizes your resolve to survive or escape



The repose at the penthouse on 16th Avenue S, Suite D – Cont'd

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- Samson is taken in a fourth attempt upon the lap of Delilah
- Samson eventually dies prematurely, a prisoner without his eyes!
- That wasn't the Lord's best for him



Next Week

We will continue next week, still in the book of Judges



Summary

There is a promise in compromise – you will be found out!