

SERMON NOTES

SAMSON: HIS DOWNFALL

JUDGES 16:1-31



BIG IDEA: Moral failures can hinder our potential, but they can't hinder the power of God that points us to Christ.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

How did Samson's moral failures compromise his effectiveness in the hand of the Lord?

The mention of the Holy Spirit is strikingly absent in Judges 16 compared to chapters 14 and 15. What does this tell us about why Samson fell?

How did God triumph through Samson anyway?

What does it reveal about God's character and ultimate plan?

APPLY

What lapses in your character or judgment tend to compromise your ability to be most effective for the Lord?

What temptations is God asking you to flee right now? (2 Timothy 2:22)

How can you make sure that you remain Spirit-filled and sensitive to the Lord's leading? (Ephesians 5:15-21)

How do Samson's failures lead you to look to Christ as the only one who can deliver his people from their sins?

COMMIT

Thank God that though earthly leaders fail, Jesus never does. Write a list of reasons why Jesus is a better Savior than Samson or any other?