

DEFEATED: THE DOWNFALL OF SAMSON

Week 3: Samson's Compromising Spirit

Judges 16:1-21

INTRODUCTION

- A. People don't set out to ruin their lives in one single moment.
- B. Samson didn't ruin his life by telling Delilah the source of his strength.
- C. He ruined his life by all the small compromises he made along the way.

SAMSON AND THE PROSTITUTE OF GAZA (Judg. 16:1-3)

- A. Samson allowed himself to be somewhere he never should have been.
- B. Samson allowed himself to feel that he couldn't be caught.
- C. We must guard against allowing ourselves to be in compromising positions we should never be in (Prov. 4:14-15, 26-27).

SAMSON AND THE INFAMOUS DELILAH (Judg. 16:4-21)

- A. Samson allowed himself to keep flirting with temptation instead of actively trying to avoid it.
- B. Samson allowed himself to forget his vow of dedication to God.
- C. We must guard against allowing ourselves to compromise our dedication and love to God (Col. 3:5-6).

SMALL COMPROMISES LEAD TO BIG DESTRUCTION - AVOIDING SPIRITUAL COMPROMISES

- A. Understand the friends you keep are important (I Cor. 15:33; Prov. 13:20).
- B. Recognize your weaknesses and temptations (Jam. 1:14; I Cor. 10:13).
- C. Remember your actions have consequences (Gal. 6:9; Prov. 6:27-28).

CONCLUSION

- A. Samson life started with a promise from God but ended in a pile of rubble.
- B. We must learn to finish our lives well (Eccl. 7:8). Better is the end of a thing than the beginning.
- C. When we come to realize we've made a mess of our lives, God gives us second chances (Judg. 16:22-31).