

JUDGES | WHERE YOUR STRENGTH LIES

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Warren Weirsbe wrote a great summary of Samson's life: "Samson illustrates people who have power to conquer others, but who cannot conquer themselves. He set the Philistine fields on fire but could not control the fires of his own lust. He killed a lion but would not put to death the passions of the flesh. He could easily break the bonds that men put on him, but the shackles of sin gradually grew stronger on his soul. Instead of leading the nation, he preferred to work independently, and as a result, left no permanent victory behind. He was remembered for what he destroyed, not for what he built up. He lacked discipline and direction; without these, his strength could accomplish little. He failed to check the impulses that began early in his career, and twenty years later, they killed him." Samson's birth seemed to signal great things to come, however it did not prepare us for the tragedy of Samson's life. How does sin prevent us from reaching God's potential for our lives, and how is He found faithful despite our failures?

1. The more we play with _____ and think we get away with it, the more _____ we get, and the deeper we become _____.
2. One can have _____ sight and be _____ blind and in contrast have _____ sight and be _____ blind.
3. Samson's _____ led to Dagon being praised and glorified, while Samson's _____ led to him returning to his mission and bringing God glory.
4. God was _____ to Samson and _____ him to accomplish His purpose despite Samson's _____.