

“God Is Not Done, Even When We Are”

Judges 16:1-22

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I. Scene One – Samson and the Philistine Prostitute (Judges 16:1-3)

- A. Samson, once again, flees his calling and leisurely enters Philistine territory.
- B. Samson, once again, engages in an illicit liaison with a Philistine woman.
- C. Samson, once again, is miraculously delivered from the consequences of his unfaithfulness.
- D. Samson, once again, arrogantly credits himself.

II. Scene Two – Samson and the Philistine Delilah (Judges 16:4-22)

- A. Samson repeats all his usual and unfaithful behaviors.
- B. This time, however, Samson is not delivered from the consequences.
- C. What led Samson to play Delilah’s obviously treacherous game?
 - 1. Lust (not new for Samson).
 - 2. Romantic love (new for Samson).
 - 3. Pride in his own ability to rescue himself (also not new for Samson).
 - a. Samson really didn’t think shaving his head would remove his strength.
 - b. He’s surprised when it’s really gone (16:20).
 - 4. His desire to no longer be the deliver that God had set him apart to be (certainly not new for Samson).
 - a. He’d never been faithful to his God-given role.
 - b. He wanted out from almost day-one.
Judges 15:7 - Samson said to them, “Since you act like this, I will surely take revenge on you, but after that I will quit.”
- c. Telling Delilah to shave his head was his final attempt at getting out of his divine calling.

5. Even though Samson was done with God's mission, God wasn't done with him.
 - a. V. 22 says his hair began to grow again.
 - b. This wasn't magically returning his strength.
 - c. This was showing that the *Lord* was still keeping Samson set-apart for his mission.

III. Application

- A. God doesn't give up on believers even when we act unfaithfully.

2 Timothy 2:13 - If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

- B. The Lord does this because of the Savior who never once tried to get out of His mission to be our deliverer.
- C. May this incredible grace move us to increasingly loyalty the callings the Christian life places on us!