

WHAT MAKES YOU

WEAK?

PART 1

SAMSON PROFILE

Judges 16:15-22

Father: Manoah (Judges 13:2)

Mother: Anonymous she is barren. Prophecy of pregnancy given by angelic visitation

Tribe: Dan (Judges 13:2)

Nazarite: Vow taken to set apart cannot touch dead things, cannot drink wine, cannot cut hair (Judges 13:4&5, Numbers 6)

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Social Status: Last judge of Israel

Purpose: Samson is to be the military leader to lead the nation of Israel against the Philistines. God has gifted him with great physical strength. (Judges 13:5)

- Samson never lives up to the full call of God on his life because despite his great physical strength, he is hindered by some real weaknesses.
- No matter how strong you are in one area in your life, you will never rise above the weakness you suffer with in other areas of your life.
- Whatever makes you weak will always take you farther than you intended to go, keep you longer than you wanted to stay and cost you more than you intended to pay.

**I. Samson is fixated on feelings but not focused on the facts.
(He's in his feelings) (Proverbs 3:5)**

- a. When you are in your feelings without facts, you will always make bad decisions**
 - i. When is the last time you made a decision based on feelings?**
 - ii. How long did your feelings last?**
 - iii. Have you ever regretted a decision you made based on feelings alone?**

b. Greatest damage done to you in life will never be lies other people tell you. The greatest damage done to you is lies you tell yourself; a fact you ignore because of what your heart feels.

- i. Why is it so hard to admit that sometimes it's our feelings leading us and not facts?**
- ii. What do you do when you are in your feelings?**

II. His desire for Delilah is deeper than his devotion to God.

- a. When you give anything or anyone more priority, attention, devotion and resources of your life than you give to God it becomes an idol.
 - i. What do you put more energy in than you give to God?
 - ii. Have you ever been convicted that something else has take priority in your life over God?
- b. Your desire can distort your discernment when your deepest desire is not for God. (Jeremiah 29:13, Psalm 42:1, James 4:8)
 - i. What do you long for?