

The Samson Syndrome

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Introduction

- The message that we receive from Samson (Judges 13-17) is that even **strong men of God** can and often do fail at the most important things of life.

- Some important questions for you to consider as you prepare for this study are...

Do you ever feel yourself **drifting** from your core values?

Are you as **passionate** about the things of God as you used to be?

Does your marriage **satisfy** you the way it once did?

Do you feel drawn to things that you feel should be **off limits** to a man of faith?

Is the grip of sin beginning to **tighten** on your life as you dabble with unholy endeavors?

Do you ever wonder where it will all end?

- The Samson Syndrome is a set of twelve tendencies revealed in the biblical account of Samson's life that clearly contributed to his erratic behavior, his spiritual decline, and ultimately his failure as a deliverer of God's people.

1. Strong Men Tend to Disregard Boundaries
2. Strong Men Tend to Struggle With Lust
3. Strong Men Tend to Ignore Good Advice
4. Strong Men Tend to Break Rules
5. Strong Men Tend to Overestimate Their Own Cleverness
6. Strong Men Tend to Use Anger As a Tool
7. Strong Men Tend to Repeat the Same Mistakes
8. Strong Men Tend to Have Big Egos
9. Strong Men Tend to Take Foolish Risks
10. Strong Men Tend to Struggle With Intimacy
11. Strong Men Tend to Take Too Much for Granted
12. Strong Men Tend to Lose Sight of the Big Picture

- This study should help you to...

witness the weakness of man in all its shame and the **power of God** in all its glory.

avoid the common pitfalls and failures of strong men.

learn to be **faithful** as you live life before God with honor.