

## EMOTIONS THAT BRING A STRONG MAN DOWN

### Samson Series, Part 2

June 11, 2017

*“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”*  
Galatians 5:16

A man can be \_\_\_\_\_ instead of being \_\_\_\_\_

*“<sup>10</sup>Now his father went down to see the woman. And there Samson held a feast, as was customary for young men. <sup>11</sup>When the people saw him, they chose thirty men to be his companions. <sup>12</sup>‘Let me tell you a riddle,’ Samson said to them. ‘If you can give me the answer within the seven days of the feast, I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty sets of clothes. <sup>13</sup>If you can’t tell me the answer, you must give me thirty linen garments and thirty sets of clothes.’ ‘Tell us your riddle,’ they said. ‘Let’s hear it.’ <sup>14</sup>He replied, ‘Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the strong, something sweet.’ For three days they could not give the answer. <sup>15</sup>On the fourth day, they said to Samson’s wife, ‘Coax your husband into explaining the riddle for us, or we will burn you and your father’s household to death. Did you invite us here to steal our property?’ <sup>16</sup>Then Samson’s wife threw herself on him, sobbing, ‘You hate me! You don’t really love me. You’ve given my people a riddle, but you haven’t told me the answer.’ ‘I haven’t even explained it to my father or mother,’ he replied, ‘so why should I explain it to you?’ <sup>17</sup>She cried the whole seven days of the feast. So on the seventh day he finally told her, because she continued to press him. She in turn explained the riddle to her people. <sup>18</sup>Before sunset on the seventh day the men of the town said to him, ‘What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?’ Samson said to them, ‘If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have solved my riddle.’ <sup>19</sup>Then the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him. He went down to Ashkelon, struck down thirty of their men, stripped them of everything and gave their clothes to those who had explained the riddle. Burning with anger, he returned to his father’s home. <sup>20</sup>And Samson’s wife was given to one of his companions who had attended him at the feast.”*  
Judges 14:10-20

*“<sup>14</sup>As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands. <sup>15</sup>Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men. <sup>16</sup>Then Samson said, ‘With a donkey’s jawbone I have made donkeys of them. With a donkey’s jawbone I have killed a thousand men.’ <sup>17</sup>When he finished speaking, he threw away the jawbone; and the place was called Ramath Lehi. <sup>18</sup>Because he was very thirsty, he cried out to the Lord, ‘You have given your servant this great victory. Must I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?’ <sup>19</sup>Then God opened up the hollow place in Lehi, and water came out of it. When Samson drank, his strength returned and he revived.”*  
Judges 15:14-19a

## EMOTIONS THAT TAKE STRONG MEN DOWN

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Instead of getting emotional, let your needs \_\_\_\_\_  
and God will \_\_\_\_\_

## NEXT WEEK...

### “Small Steps Toward Big Destruction”



**When a strong man goes down, it’s not usually all at once. There are small choices along the way that eventually lead to a massive fall. Samson didn’t ruin his life all at once. He ruined it one step at a time. Like Samson, we may be down, but we don’t have to be out. There’s still hope if we’ll turn around. Join us next Sunday for Part 3 of *Samson*.**



**THE REACHING PROJECT**  
March 5 – August 27  
**Goal: \$150,000**  
First Floor Classrooms  
Prayer Garden  
New A/V Equipment  
Parking

### Weekly Financial Report May 29 – Jun 4, 2017

Tithes & Offerings: \$12,613  
Weekly Budget: \$17,154  
Reaching Project Goal: \$150,000  
Given to date: \$ 76,344