



## **Sermon Discussion Questions**

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Hebrews 11:32-34

A Profile of the Weakest Strong Man to Ever Live

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### **Opening Questions**

1. What surprised you most about Samson's story as presented in this sermon? How does it differ from what you might have learned about him in Sunday school or children's Bible stories?
2. The pastor described Samson as "the weakest strong man to ever live." What do you think this paradox means, and how does it challenge our understanding of true strength?

### **Character & Weakness**

1. Of the seven weaknesses identified in Samson (distracted, deceitful, dangerous, disrespectful, driven by desires, desperate, and unaware), which one resonates most with struggles you see in our culture today? Why?
2. The sermon says, "You're never more like the devil than when you're lying." How does deception—whether to others or ourselves—undermine our spiritual strength? Where might you be keeping secrets that are hurting you?
3. Samson was "distracted from his purpose." What distracts you from the purpose God has for your life? How can we recognize when we're "setting our eyes on the wrong things"?

### **Sin & Consequences**

1. "Your sin doesn't just affect you." How have you seen this truth play out—either in your own life or in observing others? Why do we so often convince ourselves our private choices won't impact anyone else?
2. Verse 20 says Samson "did not know that the Lord had left him." How can we avoid reaching a point where we're spiritually numb to God's presence or absence in our lives?

### **Humility & Redemption**

1. What changed in Samson's final prayer (Judges 16:28) compared to his earlier prayer in chapter 15? What does this teach us about approaching God?

2. The sermon states, "When he was the weakest physically, he was the strongest spiritually." Can you share a time when your own weakness led you to depend more fully on God's strength?
3. How does 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 ("My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness") connect to Samson's story and to our own lives?

### **Application**

1. "God only uses broken people." How does this truth encourage you? How might it change the way you view your own weaknesses or past failures?
2. The pastor urges us, "Don't give up on anyone." Who has God laid on your heart to pray for? How can this group support you in persistent prayer for that person?
3. "The object of your faith matters more than the strength of your faith." How does this free us from anxiety about whether our faith is "strong enough"? What does it look like practically to ensure Christ alone is the object of our faith?
4. "It's never too late to turn to Christ." If you're comfortable sharing, how have you seen evidence of this truth—either in your own life or someone you know?

### **Personal Reflection**

1. If you were to honestly assess your life right now, are you trying to live in your own strength or God's strength? What would need to change for you to depend more fully on Him?
2. The sermon challenges us to "discipline ourselves to walk away from the things that will pull us away from Christ and walk towards Christ." What is one practical step you can take this week to do this?