



Samson and Delilah

Judges 16:1-31

1. The _____ to Failure

So often we think that the failure of an individual comes in one catastrophic event. However, it is usually found in small steps toward a precipice that might have been avoided if only we paid more careful attention to where we were going.

John 8:34 ~ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."

2. The _____ of Failure

The rebellious soul will be ignorant of the departure of the LORD. His wisdom, His guidance, the very strength for life is lost when we forsake the ways of God.

Ephesians 4:18 ~ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

3. The _____ of God

We read one of the most encouraging passages ever penned. Despite the failure, despite the fall, God brought about a redemption that was illustrated in Samson's hair. At the point of his failure, came God's redemption.

James 2:13 ~ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

4. The _____ of God

Disgraced in the eyes of the world, humiliated in the sight of men, God remembered Samson and gave him strength. My friends, the consequences of sin are great—but the grace of God is greater still! Humble yourself, repent, and know that God remembers you.

1 Timothy 1:16 ~ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.



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Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

Proverbs 16:25

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

Romans 6:16

Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

Proverbs 1:29-31

Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices.

Hebrews 3:13

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

Revelation 2:5

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

Jeremiah 15:19

Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them."