Lesson 10: Samson’s Strength and Fall

Text: Judges 15-16 (KJV)
Key Verse: “And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.” Judges 16:20b
Objective: God’s strength is not ours to presume upon; His discipline and mercy are real.

Follow the Text

1. At Lehi, “the _____ came mightily upon” Samson (15:14).
2. After victory, Samson learned he was still completely _____ on God (15:18-19).
3. Great ability is not the same as _____ (16:1-3).
4. Samson did not know that the LORD had _____ from him (16:20).
5. The growing hair signals God’s sovereign _____, not a magical power source (16:22).
6. Samson’s hair marked his Nazarite _____ to God (16:17).
7. Samson is named in Hebrews 11, showing God’s _____ toward flawed believers.
8. Samson points beyond himself to Jesus, the _____ who never sinned.

Questions

1. What does Samson’s thirst after the battle teach about human strength?
2. What patterns of temptation does Samson ignore with Delilah?
3. Why must we not use Samson’s final death as general approval of self-destruction?
4. How does the gospel give hope to a gifted but failing person?

Notes

Use this space for observations and prayer requests.

Further Study

Read Numbers 6:1-21; Hebrews 11:32-34; and 1 Peter 2:21-25. Note what each passage says about consecration, faith, and Christ’s suffering.