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The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

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The Bad: Samson

Judges 13-16, John 8:31-32, Galatians 2:20

The Samson Syndrome. You might have it if...

1. You neglect God's _____ for your life and neglect His _____ in your life.
2. Your wants and desires _____ God's plan for your life. Worldly counsel overtakes Biblical counsel.
3. Relying on your own strength becomes your _____

The cost of playing with sin:

1. It _____ us.
2. It _____ us.
3. It _____ us.

"Victory from sin starts with self-awareness. You can't change that which you won't admit, and you can't get free from that which you do not recognize."

~ Dr. Rob Reimer

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Sermon Talks:

1. What caught your attention in this week's sermon? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. If you could have any superpower, what would you choose and why?
3. Throughout his life, Samson continually broke his Nazarite vows.
 - Why do you believe Samson had such little regard for his vows?
 - Why did he have such little regard for the way his parents raised him?
 - How were his decisions self-centered?
4. Read Judges 15:18 and 16:28.
 - How do these two prayers that Samson prayed differ?
 - What do they say about Samson's relationship to God?
5. Read John 8:31-32 and Galatians 2:20.
 - What do these verses say about the importance of knowing Jesus?
 - Is knowing the teachings of Jesus enough? (See John 8:31)
 - What is Paul's challenge in Galatians 2:20?
6. The story of Samson is a great example of redemption, forgiveness, and hope.
 - How did God forgive Samson? What did He forgive him from?
 - What do you need forgiven from?

Pray about it:

Have you received God's unconditional redeeming love? If not, pray and ask Him to come into your heart and save you of your sins. Ask Him to be your Savior and Lord. If you do that, Jesus will come in and, through the work of God's Holy Spirit, a transformation will take place within you.

What do you need forgiven from so that God can give you a new purpose? A purpose that He has created you for. Pray and ask Him to forgive you. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

Remember, victory and freedom from sin starts with self-awareness. You cannot change what you will not admit, and you cannot get free from what you do not recognize.