



Just a Little Off the Top (Samson)

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Samson was an incredibly strong man with a dangerously weak will

1. Attitudes that make strong people weak

- Lust: I want it
- Entitlement: I deserve it
- Overconfidence: I can handle it

¹ One day Samson went to the Philistine town of Gaza and spent the night with a prostitute... ⁴ Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek. **Judges 16:1, 4 NLT**

⁸ Later, when he returned to Timnah for the wedding, he turned off the path to look at the carcass of the lion. And he found that a swarm of bees had made some honey in the carcass. ⁹ He scooped some of the honey into his hands and ate it along the way... **Judges 14: 8-9 NLT**

¹² But the men of Judah told him, "We have come to tie you up and hand you over to the Philistines." "All right," Samson said. "But promise that you won't kill me yourselves." ¹³ "We will only tie you up and hand you over to the Philistines," they replied. "We won't kill you." So they tied him up with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock. **Judges 15:12-13 NLT**

2. Attitudes that make weak people strong

- I want God
- I deserve punishment and death
- I can't handle life without God

You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. **Deuteronomy 6:5 NLT**

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 NLT

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Ephesians 6:10 NLT

My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9 NLT

Next Steps:

- Read Judges chapters 13-16 this week
- Commit to change my attitude that turns my strength into a weakness: _____
- Commit to trust in God's power and strength and not myself and my abilities
- Give God praise and thanks that he is with me and gives me the supernatural strength I need
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