

NOT ANOTHER HERO




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Christian Church
A Passion for God and Compassion for People
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The Lessons

**Samson had
a promising start**

**Samson had serious
issues in his
decision making process**

What's Next?

Pride

A feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated, or from qualities or possessions that are widely admired.

Proverbs 11:2

Proverbs 16:18

Proverbs 13:10

Proverbs 29:23

So we get it Pride is an issue

**Pride + Anger +
Un-forgiveness**

Equals

REVENGE

Revenge

The action of
inflicting hurt or harm
on someone for
an injury
or wrong suffered
at their hands



SAMSON

**The Episodes
of Vengeance
(Judges 15)**



Playing with Fire

(v. 1-6)

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**So at the end of chapter 14
Samson left his wife**

**But now he is back on the scene
and wants her back**

**She's moved on but dad offers him
a consolation prize**

**I have a right to get even
with the Philistines**

**Revenge always starts
with our rights**

Samson threw the party

Samson made the bet

Samson created the arrogant riddle

Samson put his wife the awkward spot

Samson killed and stole to pay his debt

Samson left his wife

But now he is only concerned with his rights



**Violence
for
Violence
(v. 7-12)**

Violence for Violence

**So they killed his wife whom he left,
so he went on a rampage**

**“Since you’ve acted like this,
I swear that I won’t stop until
I get my revenge on you.”**

**“I merely did to them
what they did to me.”**

Results

The people God chose him to protect were now in danger

They were willing to hand him over

Boneheaded

Bully

(v. 7-12)



Boneheaded Bully

So they hand him over

God helps him

**Who does Samson
give the credit too?**

Samson won... or did he?



**Revenge is Never
the Answer**

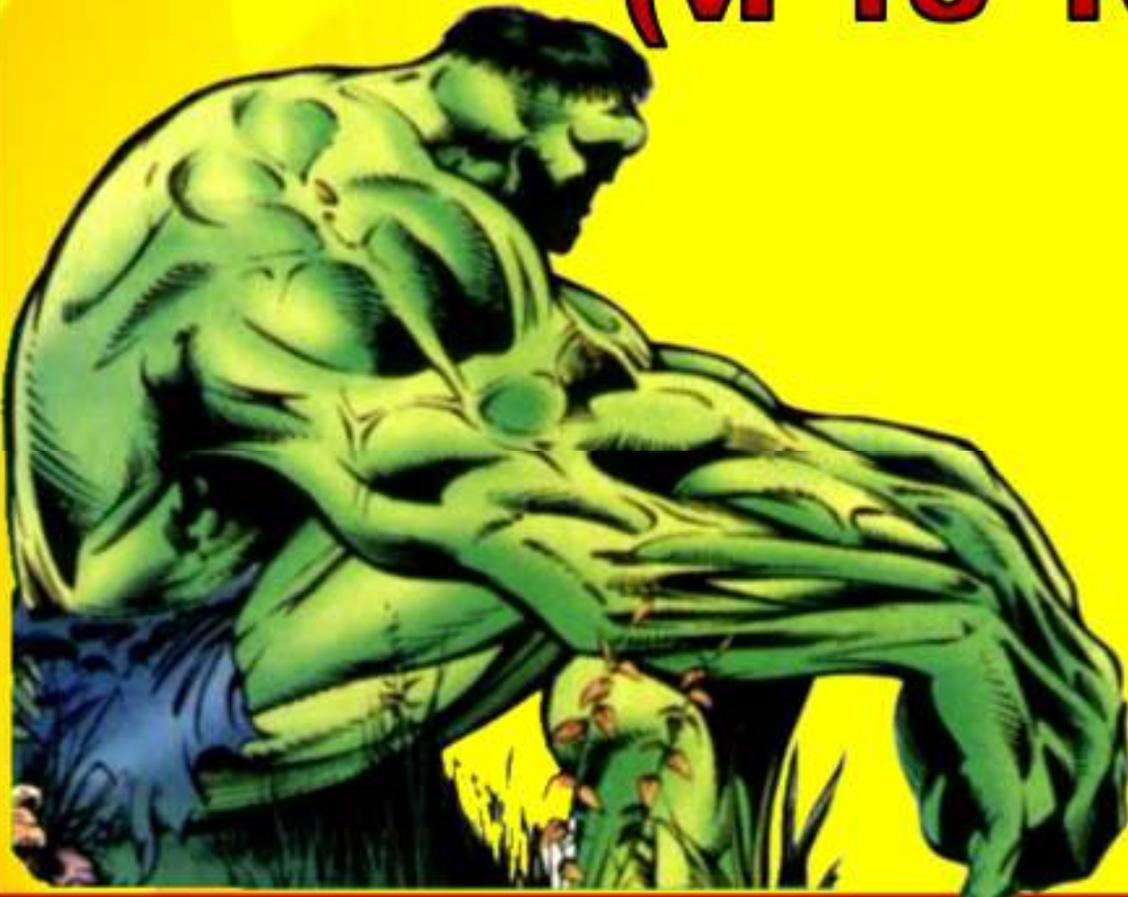
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**We should leave it to God
(Deuteronomy 32:35)**

**Jesus condemned it
(Matthew 5:38-42)**

**Paul addresses it
(Romans 12:19)**

**In the End it
Leaves You Empty
(v. 18-19)**



Restoration
not
Revenge