

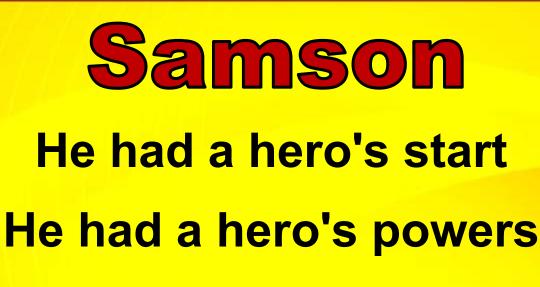
Being a Hero

Heroes are people that make sacrifices for the good of others

Heroes are people that have a mission and accomplish the mission no matter the personal cost

Heroes inspire

Heroes don't just save the world, they make it better



He had a hero's villains (the Philistines)

He lacked a hero's heart Self Centered Arrogant Vengeful And though he was physically strong, he was morally weak



Same Old Problems (v. 1-3)

Same Old Problems He lacks a moral compass

He is the leader of God's people and this is his story

But what I need you to see is Samson is using his gift from God to serve himself

Samson is not a hero

Using His Weakness (v. 1-3)

It's a trap (v. 7-15) **3 times Delilah asks Samson his secret** Samson tells her a lie **Delilah tries what he tells her** The Philistines show up Samson beats them up **Arrogant, Clueless, Blind Samson** never stops to think its a trap

Same Old Problems I want it

I deserve it

I can handle it

Revealing His Secret (v. 17-19)

Revealing His Secret It says he told her everything I wonder if it meant everything He told her about being a Nazarite I wonder if he told about The Lion The Party **About God**

Revealing His Secret The fact the hair on his head was not the source of his strength but the last remaining symbol of his commitment

Revealing His Secret Interesting he gave credit to the symbol not his God but he knew

Enough is Enough And finally God had had enough and left the room and took with him Samson's strength

The Saddest Statement EVER!

Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the Lord had left him.

v. 20

The Saddest Statement EVER!

The Philistines came back Samson awoke But Samson new that was never the source of his strength

The sad thing is he did not even notice God had left and closed the door

Samson was not the hero

Fallen

Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding grain in the prison.

v. 21



Samson was indeed spiritually blind Now he was physically blind as well Imprisoned And force into slavery

Would You Know?