

NOT ANOTHER HERO




Parkview
Christian Church
A Passion for God and Compassion for People
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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

Samson

He had a hero's start

He had a hero's powers

**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**

SAMSON

**The Misplaced
Power**

(Judges 16:1-20)

**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

Fallen

**Samson was indeed
spiritually blind**

**Now he was physically
blind as well**

Imprisoned

And force into slavery

**Would You
Know?**