

UNLIKELY HEROES #4

SAMSON: THE COURAGE TO PRAY AGAIN

“Unlikely heroes are those who against all odds, choose to believe that God hears and answers prayer”

Hebrews 11:32 (KJV 1900)

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

BIO FOR SAMSON:

1. Parents: Manoah & his wife
2. Spouse: An unnamed Philistine woman
3. Offspring: No children recorded
4. Nationality: Israelite of the tribe of Dan
5. Occupation: Judged Israel for 20 years
6. Scriptural Setting: Judges 13-16

INTERESTING FACTS:

1. His birth was announced by the Angel of the Lord.
2. He had a Nazirite Vow from birth.
 - a. Touch nothing dead
 - b. Abstain from wine
 - c. Leave his hair uncut
3. He is known for his supernatural strength.
4. Samson's name means strength or daring.
5. Delilah's name means weakness or seduction. She was Samson's weakness.

NOTABLE EVENTS IN HIS LIFE:

1. Joshua 2:1-2 – His birth is announced by the Angel of the Lord.
2. Joshua 2:3-6 – He marries a Philistine woman against his parent's wishes.
3. Judges 15:4-5 – He catches 300 foxes, ties them together, and sets a field on fire.
4. Judges 15:14-15 – He kills a thousand Philistines with the jaw of a donkey.
5. Judges 6:4-20 – He is deceived by Delilah and God's spirit departs from him.
6. Judges 16:21-24 – He is captured, blinded and made a slave.
7. Judges 16:30 – He prays for God to use him yet again. Kills more enemies in his death than he did in his life.

NOTABLE NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES:

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