

Blinded By Pride

Judges 16:4-21

A Problematic Hero

- The Book of Hebrews lists Samson as one of the great heroes of faith.
- The Book of Judges tells us that Samson had loose morals.
- Samson’s power went to his head.
- Samson became blinded by his pride.

Lesson Learned

- The story of Samson teaches us that even the mighty can be taken down by pride.
- The way to avoid becoming proud is to focus on God.
- Our greatest strengths come from us being content with our weaknesses.
- True humility means thinking of yourself less and thinking of God more.

Pride and God

- Pride comes from focusing on our abilities and accomplishments rather than focusing on God.
- Samson forgot that his power came from God.
- Samson did not lose his power because he lost his hair, but because God left him.
- His strength came from God, but his weakness came from losing touch with God.
- Samson became weak because he lost his God.

Conclusion

- Samson suffered because of his pride.
- In spite of all Samson's failings, he repented in the end.
- Samson acknowledged that he was wrong.
- 1 John 1:9, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*