

# HEROES

AMAZING STORIES OF FAITH



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Please, God,  
One more time

# Samson Overview

- Unique birth and dedication
  - Again the Israelites did evil causing them to be delivered into the hands of the Philistines for 40 years.
- Manoah and wife were childless

# Samson Overview

- An angel appears with a message and instructions
  - Nazarite vow
    - No razor on the head
    - No fermented drink or grapes etc.
    - Touch no dead bodies

# Samson Overview

- Wedding Day Blues (Judges 14)
  - Saw a Philistine woman and decide to marry her against advice from parents.
  - Killed a lion in the vineyards on the way to the meet up.

# Samson Overview

- Wedding Day Blues (Judges 14)
  - Then he talked with the woman and liked her. (um wait a minute)
  - Sometime later on the way to marry her he finds honey in the carcass of the lion

# Samson Overview

- Wedding Day Blues (Judges 14)
  - Wedding feast riddles
  - The 30 groomsmen cheated to figure it out.
  - Samson pays up (kind of)
  - Father-in-law's bad decision

# Samson Overview

- Revenge is Sweet (Judges 15)
  - Samson visits his wife?
  - Outfoxing the Philistines
  - Paybacks are brutal
  - Turned on by his own people
  - A bloody finish



# Samson Overview

- Scissor happy seductress (Judges 16)
  - 20 years later Sam visits prostitute
  - Later he falls in love with Delilah
    - She wants to know his secrets
    - Bowstrings, ropes, weavers loom
    - Playing on the razors edge

# Samson Overview

- Better vision without eyes (Judges 16)
  - Sightless Samson grinding grain
    - His hair began to grow again
- Celebration to Dagon (merman)
  - Samson entertained them
  - Samson calls on God

*28 Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more...."*

# Real or Legend?

- Temples at Tel Qasile & Tel Miqne



# Key Principle #1

## Vows to God mean something

- The vows set Samson apart
- Served as a basis for anointing
- God honors those who keep their word.

# Key Principle #2

**Revenge is sweet, but it escalates everything**

- Jesus changed the model
- Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. - Ephesians 4:32

# **Key Principle #3**

## **Don't confuse anointing with acceptance**

- Samson believed because God anointed him, what he did was ok
- He shook himself and the anointing came, until it didn't

# Key Principle #4

## God is the God of another chance

- Samson realized his error
- God wants you to have another chance today
- Please, God, one more time



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