



Samson: When The Strong Become Weak | Bones Of Contention
Judges 15:1-20

1. Samson's epitaph could read, '*A strong man with a dangerously weak will*'. In your best moments, what might yours say? How about your less-best moments?
2. Describe a time when you've let your emotions get the best of you. What resulted from your emotional outburst?
3. What are some of the most common struggles you've seen that lend people towards destruction? Do these differ between men and women?
4. Take time to slowly read through our Scripture reading for today. What strikes or challenges you most?
5. Chris suggested that anger was Samson's default negative emotion. What's yours? Do you have a default positive emotion?
6. What strategies or life-choices would you recommend Samson should adopt to stop his repetitive spiral of sin, so that his past does not need to determine his future?
7. Are you comfortable with the thought that God uses Samson's sin to work out His great purposes for His people? Does God cause or allow Samson's sin? Does the difference matter? Can you think of other Biblical examples? Does Samson really have free will?
8. God's chosen people and the Philistines have become assimilated. In what ways does the church struggle with assimilation today? What's the fix?
9. Read Galatians 5. Use Paul's words as an MOT of your 'Spirit-led-ness'. Discuss.
10. How do the words of Judges 15:18-20 suggest something might have changed in Samson's walk with God?
11. Chris spoke about the power of a moment today to change our tomorrow. Discuss the way this is demonstrated in Samson's story, especially when considering the opening words of Judges 16:1.