

Samson: Hero in the end...

Judges 16:21-31 (page 260)

Space to take notes on the talk

Starter question

- ❖ What is the most impressive feat of strength you have ever seen?

Responding to the talk

1. What is the most memorable thing from the story of Samson?
2. Read Judges 16:4-22
 - a. Why does Delilah try to trick Samson? What does she love most?
 - b. Samson loves Delilah (vs. 4), but does he trust her?
 - c. How has God proved trustworthy to Samson? (see: 13:24; 14:19; 15:12-15, 18-19)
 - d. Why does Samson finally tell Delilah his secret?
 - e. Samson says he has been dedicated to God since birth (vs. 17). Why does the LORD leave him (vs. 20)?
3. Read Judges 16:21-31
 - a. What details show us that Samson was completely defeated?
 - b. Who did the Philistines say had delivered Samson to them?
 - c. Where was Samson when he prayed to the LORD? What is remarkable about his faith?
 - d. What did Samson achieve in his death?
 - e. How does this story ridicule worship of false gods?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

9. Samson was 'in love with Delilah', but didn't really trust her. Is it enough to be 'in love' with someone to marry them or does there need to be more? What else is needed?
10. A Christian friend is tempted to give up on faith, because life is going badly and all her family and work colleagues think Christianity is rubbish. How might you encourage them?