

# WHAT MAKES STRONG MEN WEAK?

## SAMSON, Part 1

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*I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none.*

Ezekiel 22:30

### Samson Was An Incredibly Strong Man With A Dangerously Weak Will.

#### ATTITUDES THAT MAKE STRONG MEN WEAK

##### 1. LUST: I \_\_\_\_\_ IT.

*Samson went down to Timnah and saw there a young Philistine woman. When he returned, he said to his father and mother, "I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife."*

Judges 14:1-2

##### 2. ENTITLEMENT: I \_\_\_\_\_ IT.

*Suddenly a young lion came roaring toward him. The Spirit of the Lord came on him in power so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat...*

*Some time later, when he went back to marry her, he turned aside to look at the lion's carcass, and in it he saw a swarm of bees and some honey. He scooped out the honey with his hands and ate as he went along.*

Judges 14:5-9

##### 3. PRIDE: I \_\_\_\_\_ IT.

*Now his father went down to see the woman. And Samson held a feast, as was customary for young men.*

Judges 14:10

*feast: mishteh (mish-teh'); a party; occasion for drinking.*

#### ATTITUDES THAT MAKE WEAK MEN STRONG

- **I WANT GOD.**
- **I DESERVE DEATH.**
- **I CAN'T HANDLE ANYTHING WITHOUT GOD.**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.*

Ephesians 6:10

*... My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.*

2 Corinthians 12:9 NKJV

#### “Homework” Questions

- *Which weak attitudes do you struggle with the most? How have your weak attitudes affected you and those you love?*
- *What are some examples of how God's strength has helped you overcome your weaknesses?*
- *What steps will you take this week towards changing your weak attitudes and relying more on God's strength?*

*\*All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*