

Hebrews 11:32

Samson?!

A problematic life ...

I. The Faith of His Parents

II. The Folly of His Pursuits

III. The Final Piece of the Puzzle

... a powerful death.

Children, Listen ...

1. What special gift did God give Samson?
2. Did Samson use his gift and live his life wisely? How so?
3. Why wasn't Samson's choice of Delilah for a girlfriend a good one?
4. When did Samson finally get his act together and seek God's glory?

Fickle, Foolish but a Finale of Faith

Samson was born into a promising situation, a good covenant family. He was even to be dedicated to an especially devout lifestyle. But things began to go awry when he consistently gave into his foolish thinking and worldly passions. That is not to say that this mighty man didn't do mighty deeds, and that he was entirely useless, after all, he is credited with judging Israel for at least 20 years. Not only that, he is named as someone who was commended for his faith. But what a mess he was. It is so hard to discern his faith as we read the narrative so filled with foolish and destructive escapades. In fact, consensus seems to be that the final glimmer of faith only comes when he hits absolute rock bottom and redeems himself in the dramatic display of faith and strength in which his own life is taken. What a tragic waste of a life it would have been if there was not an element of redemption in the finale.