

Lesson Twelve

Faith When It's My Fault And I Know It

Judges 13-16 (Samson)

1. Sin is always my _____.
2. Sin is always _____ my desires over God's best.
3. Sin always has _____.
4. Sin is always met with _____ when you sincerely repent from it.

Commit this verse to memory: Romans 6:11

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Discussion Questions

There's something about watching a train crash that keeps you looking, isn't there? It's hard to turn your eyes away from it. Samson's life is that train crash that you just can't stop looking at even though you know what's going to happen. It's painful at best and horrific at worst. Every time I read his story I hear myself yelling at him to stop, turn around, make better choices.

Yet despite his great downfall, and boy did he fall bad, Samson's life ended in forgiveness. No story in all of the Bible has given me as much hope when I sin as the story of poor poor Samson.

No matter what you're facing today, and no matter how dark your sin is, I pray that the story of Samson will encourage you understand the deep deep grace of God. This story is a reminder of Paul's words in Romans: that where sin abounds grace abounds even more.

If you're ready to stand strong in God's grace, let's get rolling and ask the Spirit of God to convict us and change us.

1. How would you define sin?
2. Are there areas in your life where you consistently choose your way over God's? Why?
3. Are you treating sin lightly? How does God view your sin? Why do you think God hates sin so much?

4. Do you believe you can get away with your sin without any consequences? Yet have you ever acted like as if you could get away with your sin scot free? Explain the dissonance between what we believe and how we act.

5. What are some consequences of sin according to God's word? Consider Rom 6:23; Rom 8:13; Gal 6:7-8.

6. Did God ever leave Samson's side when Samson chose to go his own way? Read Psalm 139:8-10 for help. How does that make you feel about choosing to sin?

7. What is the way to victory over sin? Consider 1 John 1:9; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 6:5-11.

8. What did it cost God to forgive you your sins? How precious was that price?

9. Samson ends up in the “Hall of Faith” chapter of the Bible (Heb. 11:32). How does his story encourage you to hang on to the hope that you can change and have faith for victory?