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Bible Study

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God Still Allows U-Turns

Judges 16:1-9

John 21:4 reads, *“Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.”* (NIV) This verse records a time when followers of the Master were so far out of His will that they failed to recognize Him. Every believer should have a strong desire to not only know the voice of the Lord but to also obey His commands. A failure to do both could lead to a life of trouble and trauma for Christians. This lesson is designed to examine episodes in the life of Samson to point out signs you need to turn back to God.

Breakdown of Judges Chapter 16

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| 1. Samson's _____ | Verses 1-20 |
| 2. Samson's _____ | Verses 21-27 |
| 3. Samson's _____ | Verses 28-31 |

1. Your _____ are a sign for you to turn back to God.
Judges 14:8, 9
“Later, when he returned to Timnah for the wedding, he turned off the path to look at the carcass of the lion. And he found that a swarm of bees had made some honey in the carcass. 9) He scooped some of the honey into his hands and ate it along the way. He also gave some to his father and mother, and they ate it. But he didn't tell them he had taken the honey from the carcass of the lion.” (NLT)
2. Your _____ are a sign for you to turn back to God.
Judges 16:1, 4
“One day Samson went to the Philistine town of Gaza and spent the night with a prostitute. 4) Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek.” (NLT)

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3. Your _____ are a sign for you to turn back to God.
Judges 16:6, 7, 10, 11, 13
“So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me what makes you so strong and what it would take to tie you up securely.” 7) Samson replied, “If I were tied up with seven new bowstrings that have not yet been dried, I would become as weak as anyone else.” 10) Afterward Delilah said to him, “You’ve been making fun of me and telling me lies! Now please tell me how you can be tied up securely.” 11) Samson replied, “If I were tied up with brand-new ropes that had never been used, I would become as weak as anyone else.” 13) Then Delilah said, “You’ve been making fun of me and telling me lies! Now tell me how you can be tied up securely.” Samson replied, “If you were to weave the seven braids of my hair into the fabric on your loom and tighten it with the loom shuttle, I would become as weak as anyone else.” So while he slept, Delilah wove the seven braids of his hair into the fabric.” (NLT)
4. Your _____ are a sign for you to turn back to God.
Judges 16:19, 20
“Delilah lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down, and his strength left him. 20) Then she cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!” When he woke up, he thought, “I will do as before and shake myself free.” But he didn’t realize the LORD had left him.” (NLT)
5. Your _____ are a sign for you to turn back to God.
Judges 16:21
“So the Philistines captured him and gouged out his eyes. They took him to Gaza, where he was bound with bronze chains and forced to grind grain in the prison.” (NLT)

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