

# SAMSON - A REAL MAN

Judges 13 -16



# **GOD'S FAVOUR IS NOT FAIR. - HE CHOOSES.**

- Qualifies the called.
- God's gifts are without repentance.
- No reward for using your gifts.
- Reward is for faithfulness.
- Don't try be who you are not. Be who God meant you to be.
- Gifting is not enough.



# **SAMPSON MESSES UP.**

- Vexed by his wife!! Daily! Judges 16:16 “The struggle is real!”
- Weak character. Great gift no character.
- Played with fire. Rather than run from temptation. He flirted with it.
- History of sin.
- “did not know the Lord had left him!”



# **GOT ANOTHER CHANCE.**

- He prayed a very simple prayer, “ vs. 28  
“remember me”!
- He accomplished more in the end than his life.
- Jabez. Did not let his circumstances determine the end of his life. 1 Chro 4:9-10



# TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS A FIGHT.

- We are called to be a soldier. Not to a life of Christian ease. Must never imagine for a moment that he can sleep and doze along the way to heaven.
- Fight is with the flesh
- Fight is with the world
- Fight is with the devil

Undying foes. Unless we get the victory over these three, all other victories are useless and in vain.



# THIS FIGHT IS OF ABSOLUTE NECESSITY

- Don't think you can remain neutral and sit still. The mastery of inactivity, lettings alone – will never do in the Christian warfare.



# THIS FIGHT IS OF UNIVERSAL NECESSITY

- No rank, or class or age can lead to exemption, or escape the battle. Ministers and people, preachers and hearers, old and young, high and low, rich and poor, gentle and simple, kings and subjects, learned and unlearned - all must carry arms and go to war.



# THIS FIGHT IS OF PERPETUAL NECESSITY.

- There is no breathing time, no truce. Weekdays as well as Sundays. In private as well as in public, at home by the family fireside, as well as abroad. In little things like management of tongue and temper, as well as in the great ones, like government of kingdoms, the Christians warfare must unceasingly go on!





# **TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS THE FIGHT OF FAITH.**

- The primary foundation of a Christian Soldier's character is **faith in the truth of God's written word.** He is what he is, does what he does, thinks what he thinks, acts as he acts, hopes as he hopes, behaves as he behaves, for one simple reason – he believes certain propositions revealed and laid down in the Holy Scriptures. A religion without doctrines and dogma is like a body without bones and sinews.
- “no one ever fights earnestly against the world, flesh and the devil, unless he has engraven on his heart certain great principles which he believes.”



# **TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS A GOOD FIGHT.**

- Fought under the best of generals
- Fought with the best of issues and results
- Good for the one who fights it
- Good for the world
- Because it ends with glorious reward

"So I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air."      "I press on to take hold...."

