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I. Samson's Revenge (15:1-20)

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I. Samson's Revenge (15:1-20)

God empowers us to release **CONTROL** and TRUST Him.

I. Samson's Revenge (15:1-20)

- 1) What situations trigger your need for control?
- 2) Where can you begin to trust that God's power is stronger than the power of sin within you?

I. Samson's Downfall (16:1-22)

God empowers us to release **PRIDE** and TRUST Him.

I. Samson's Downfall (16:1-22)

“Essentially, the Israelites said: We could not. And God answers here: You would not. It's worth asking ourselves. Where am I saying,

“**I can't**” but God is saying “**You won't**”? Israel's failure to obey was based on what they saw as good reasons—God said they were flimsy excuses. Why? Because “God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

God will never put us in a position where we cannot obey him.”

Timothy Keller, *Judges For You*

I. Samson's Downfall (16:1-22)

- 1) Where is God asking you to obey?
- 2) Does your pride have more power than your trust in God?

I. Samson's Tragic Triumph (16:23-31)

God empowers us to **TRUST** in Him for strength.

I. Samson's Tragic Triumph (16:23-31)

God can do anything—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Ephesians 3:20 (Message)

I. Samson's Tragic Triumph (16:23-31)

- 1) What is he asking you to surrender over to him?
- 2) Where is He asking you to **TRUST** in His power?

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