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Samson led Israel for twenty years in the days of the Philistines.  
(Judges 15:20)

**Samson didn't ruin his life \_\_\_\_\_.**

**He ruined it \_\_\_\_\_ at a time.**

One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her. The people of Gaza were told, "Samson is here!" So they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the city gate. They made no move during the night, saying, "At dawn we'll kill him." (Judges 16:1-2)

## Samson's Small Steps Toward Big Destruction

### 1. Samson \_\_\_\_\_ his enemy.

But Samson lay there only until the middle of the night. Then he got up and took hold of the doors of the city gate, together with the two posts, and tore them loose, bar and all. He lifted them to his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill...." (Judges 16:3)

Our enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall. (1 Corinthians 10:12)

### 2. He \_\_\_\_\_ the same old sin.

Sometime later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. (Judges 16:4)

The rulers of the Philistines went to Delilah and said, "See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we might overpower him and subdue him..." (Judges 16:5)

**3. Samson assumed his disobedience would  
never \_\_\_\_\_ him.**

Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the Lord had left him. Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes, and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding in the prison. (Judges 16:20-21)

**Where are you stepping away from God?**

(You are only as strong as you are honest!)