

# **Samson**

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We take failure very personally ....

- Women receive value from \_\_\_\_\_
- Men receive value from \_\_\_\_\_

Facing Failure ...

- A man's greatest fear is \_\_\_\_\_  
and his greatest pain is \_\_\_\_\_

Samson's story shows us ...

- Failure is an \_\_\_\_\_, not an \_\_\_\_\_

Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, "Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands." When the people saw Samson, they praised their god, saying, "Our god has delivered our enemy into our hands, the one who laid waste to our land and multiplied our slain." While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us!" (Judges 16:23-25)

### **Two Responses to Failure:**

- The natural response is \_\_\_\_\_
- The better response is \_\_\_\_\_

### **When a man is down, he's not out!**

- Even in our failures, God can still \_\_\_\_\_

When they stood him among the pillars, Samson said to the servant who held his hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them .... Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "O Sovereign Lord, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more ...." Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived." (Judges 16:25-30)

## Moving Forward

- What pillars do you want to push down?
- How are you going to do it?

“The world has yet to see  
what God can do through one man  
who is totally and completely committed unto Him.”

**You be that man.**