

# Tears of a Strong Man

## HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

## SERMON NOTES

Judges 16:4-6

### **I. Strong Men Lose Sight of the Big Picture**

#### **INTRO.:**

#### **A. Clearing Up Some Last-Minute Details**

1. The Secret of Samson's Great Strength
  - a. The answer depends on who you ask...

Judges 14:5-6

Judges 14:19

Judges 15:19

- b. Some may think, "I wish God's Spirit would also empower me to accomplish great things!"

Acts 5:32

Acts 2:38

Ephesians 1:13

Ephesian 3:16, 20

1 Peter 5:8-9

Titus 3:5

2 Corinthians 4:16

## B. “At Least Samson Ended Well . . . *Right?!?”*

1. This is the predominant view of Samson.
  - a. “Since he sacrificed himself to wipe out the enemies of God’s people & had a prayed on his lips . . .!!!
  
  - b. But there is an even more compelling reason to not believe he “ended well!”
  
2. Samson totally lost sight of the big picture!
  - a. God’s purpose for his life was clearly stated, even before his conception.

Judges 13:5

3. God’s “Big Picture” for our lives begins and ends with Jesus!
  - a. I’ve found myself playing the role a strong man far too long. I too lost sight of the big picture!!
  
  - b. It begins with knowledge of our sin . . .

Acts 2:36

John 3:3, 5

Mark 12:30-31

1 Peter 4:11

## CONCLUSIONS:

1. The question we all need to ask ourselves, is, “Where am I right now in regards to God’s “Big Picture” for my life?”

Romans 8:5-6, 14