

Samson's Failings

What Scripture records of Samson offers us little to imitate and much to turn away from. Examine the passages below to understand how Samson's life compared to God's revealed will for his life. For each passage, write a brief summary of how Samson violated God's commands. Then answer the questions.

- Judges 14:1; Deuteronomy 7:3-4

- Judges 14:8-9; Leviticus 5:2

- Judges 16:1; Leviticus 18:20

- Judges 16:10, 16:13; Leviticus 19:11

1. Read Hebrews 11:32-38. Which of the descriptions would seem to apply to Samson?
2. How is it that Samson can be seen as a model of faith if he was so disobedient to God in these instances?
3. How does your answer to the question above help you understand your role as a servant of God?