

STEWARDSHIP – Living Without Compromise

WHERE DID IT GO? (Part 2)

We thank Jesus for the blessings of life and the opportunity to share words of truth with his people. March is the month of mixed emotions. For those who enjoy the beauty of spring, it is almost here. For those, like me, that love snow and ice, it represents perhaps the last month of our winter enjoyment.

We thank you for joining us this month as continue to share from God's word as recorded in the Holy Bible.

We have been talking about various subjects that support this year's theme – "Living without Compromise."

Why Did You Leave Me?

Get Real – Let's Run the Race.

Why Santa Still Dominates Christmas.

He is God and He Never Changes.

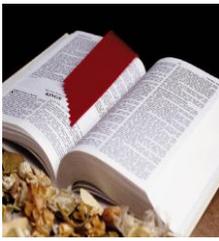
This month we continue to look at Samson, and open with Judges 16:20. And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. (KJV) Then she said, "The Philistines are on you, Samson!" He woke up, thinking, "I'll go out, like always, and shake free." He did not realize that GOD had abandoned him. (The Message)

How could something so important and so necessary be lost and the person not realize it was gone?



Remember, when we are not watchful, things happen and many times, it is so gradual that we fail to see or feel the change until it is too late.

We **must** check our every decision and match it to God's commandments, so we will feel His presence directing us for His glory.



WHERE DID IT GO? Judges - Chapters 13-16

ACTIONS MUST LINE UP WITH THE WORD OF GOD

1. Samson was born during the time when Israel was in great distress because of disobedience to God commands. He was of the tribe of Dan, which signifies a judge or judgment.
2. Samson was a Nazarite unto God from birth and chosen by God to **begin** to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. (Judges 13:5 Ref. Nazarite Vow Number 6)
3. God's plan for Samson was clear and because God knew every decision Samson would make, he weaved them into the master plan so that His word would not fail.

Judges chapter 15, we read of the judgeship of Samson. The chapter is full of action and reaction to events. As we read the chapter, we see God working in the life of Samson to fulfill Judges 13:5 ...and he shall **begin** to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

Why are God's people in the hand of the Philistines? Judges 13:1 says the children of Israel **did evil again**. Nevertheless, there is a simple solution found in I Samuel 7:3. The same is true today. If we place God first and allow him to have full control of our life, we **will be delivered**.

4. We begin Samson's victory walk as noted in Judges 16:30. Perhaps you are saying that he wasted his life doing dumb stuff like sleeping with a harlot (prostitute) and allowing Delilah to work his nerves until he told all. (verse 17) Moreover, according to Numbers chapter 6 and verse 5, during the vow of separation the person separates himself unto the Lord, he shall be **holy (consecrated, set apart)**. So how can the tragic end of a blind baldheaded slave be a victory walk? Let us begin the walk Judges 16:21.
5. Samson loss his freedom, his strength, his sight, his family could not help him and his enemy had rule over him, BUT GOD. Even in what seemed to be a hopeless situation, God is still in control. Note the visual sign of renewed hope (Judges 16:22) is unnoticed as the Philistines gather to worship their god Dagon.
6. Samson prayed and God answered (Judges 16:28-31)
7. Samson begins his victory walk. He bowed himself and with all his might he slew more at his death than he slew in his life. With the mission accomplished, he takes his victory walk leaving this earth for his eternal home.

MISSION COMPLETED

SHOW LOVE IN ACTION IN 2011



Love is taking the time to establish a relationship with family, friends, and co-workers so that you might support each other in prayer and encouragement.

To love others as we love ourselves; means you do unto them as you would want them to do unto you. Before you say or do things, stop and say how would I like it if they did or said that to me? When we must speak in boldness about an issue, love must never be forgotten.

Have you ever thought about your calling? What does God want me to do? Have you felt like you have nothing that you can do or no real talent to offer?

Mark 6:30-44, the disciples saw what they had, but did not consider it enough to accomplish the task of feeding so great a crowd. Jesus allowed them to see that what we have is enough when we give it to HIM for his glory and honor.

The theme from the Women's World Day of Prayer 2011, How Many Loaves Have You, suggest we check our inventory in order to answer the question.

A willing mind

A love for God

A love for his people

Prayer power

Study the word

Practice our faith

Willing to give all for the cause of Christ

You have seven (7) loaves in your inventory. You are complete. You have all you need.

THE KING OF KINGS DIRECTS KINGDOM BUSINESS AND HE NEVER GIVES A DIRECTIVE THAT CANNOT BE ACHIEVED.

Love? It is not a once-a-year gift - it is a way of life.

DO ALL YOU CAN WITH WHAT YOU HAVE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

LAUNDRY TIPS FROM LEARNING TO LIVE ON LESS



About 90% of the energy used for washing clothes in a conventional top-load washer is from heating the water. There are two (2) ways to reduce the amount of energy used for washing clothes – use less water and use cooler water. Switching your temperature setting from hot to warm can cut a load’s energy use in half.

- Do not over-dry your clothes.
- Dry towels and heavier cottons in a separate load from lighter-weights clothes.
- Clean the lint filter in the dryer after every load to improve air circulation.
- Consider air-drying clothes on a clotheslines or drying racks. Air-drying is recommended for some fabrics.
- Periodically inspect your dryer vent to ensure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent fires.

For additional energy saving tips visit www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/tips/ or call 1-877-337-3463 for the Energy Savers Booklet produced by the U.S. Department of Labor.

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