

Judges 16:1-21 • The Incompatibility of a Sin-Based Relationship

1. (v.1) Samson believes he can operate completely on his **own** without the **support** of those on his side as well as make his own **rules**.
2. (v.2-3) Samson incorrectly assumes he is powerful enough to overcome his own **sin** and becomes a **law** unto himself.
3. (v.4-5) By not leaving the **enemy's** territory and influence, Samson gives them time and opportunity to **succeed**.
4. (v.6-9) Samson's primary weakness is **pride**, which will be the very point of the enemy's attack.
5. (v.10-14) The enemy used Samson's own **standards** against him.
6. (v.15) Continued close contact finally made it a **personal** issue for Samson.
7. (v.16-18a) As with all spiritual warfare, the **heart** is the ultimate goal.
8. (v.18b-20) The Lord was gone from Samson's life in terms of the **choices** made and **behavior** engaged in long before the **haircut**.
9. (v.21) Ultimately Samson's **physical** condition mirrored his **spiritual** condition—blind, bound, and working **for** the enemy instead of **against** them.