

# It's About Time...

## Judges 16:21-31

Samson's sinful lifestyle eventually COST him his Freedom, his Ministry & his LIFE.

Samson's life Reminds us that No Matter How FAR We May FALL, if we're a Child of God, we are Still HIS & He has a PLAN to bring us Back to Him.

Successful Christians are NOT people who Never Fail, they're people who when they DO Fail, Repent, Get Back Up & Go Forward with the Lord.

### 1. IT WAS ABOUT TIME SAMSON IS RESTORED. (v.22)

- The POWER In Samson's Restoration ("hair...began to grow again")
- The Wonderful PICTURE In Samson's Restoration.
- There IS A PROBLEM In His Restoration.
- Samson's Return did NOT Come Instantly.

FOUR THINGS we should know about this Restoration Process.

- (1) If you've Sinned, even in a Very Grievous & Public way, Restoration IS POSSIBLE.
- (2) Forgiveness of sin can come Instantly...Restoration may take a While.
- (3) Huge Failures in life are NOT the Result of a "Sudden" Fall into sin.
- (4) Forgiveness does NOT CANCEL the Consequences of our sins.

### 2. IT WAS ABOUT TIME SAMSON REAPED WHAT HE SOWED. (vv.23-25)

- The Philistines bring in Samson "to Perform for them" like a Circus Freak.
- So, God's Man Was Shamefully DEGRADED. (v.25)
- Sin Transformed the man of Legends into a Punchline for God's enemies.
- God's Glory Was ALSO Severely DIMINISHED. (vv.23-24)
- Things God's people DO either Glorify God or Dishonor Him.

### 3. IT WAS ABOUT TIME FOR SAMSON TO RETALIATE. (vv.26-31)

- Samson Pours Out His DESIRE To God (vv. 26-28)
- When we SEEK the Lord, He will Hear us & the Process of Restoration Can Begin.
- Your Sin does NOT have to DEFINE you!
- Samson Is Empowered For One Final DEED. (vv.29-30)
- As Samson Prays, the Lord Answers & the temple of Dagon Comes Crashing Down Killing over 3,000 Philistines.
- We Have Much To Learn From Samson's DEATH. (v.31)
- SIN carries a HIGH PRICE!!
- SIN doesn't have to RULE in your life!!
- Where are YOU in Your Walk with Him?