

Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

Falling is not the end,
if we return.

Bible portion:

Judges 16:28

Focus:

Samson: Falling is
not the end.



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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Luke 3-4



Have you Read your
Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

**The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me, because
he has anointed me to
proclaim good news to
the poor. He has sent
me to proclaim liberty
to the captives and
recovering of sight to
the blind, to set at
liberty those who are
oppressed.**

Luke 04:18 (ESV)

Quote

**“God's mercy is new
every morning.”**

- Joyce Meyer

In Aesop's story of the hare and the tortoise, the hare had everything going for him—speed, favorable conditions, and an opponent he thought he could easily defeat. Yet he lost, not because he lacked talent, but because he became overconfident. He ignored his own weaknesses and underestimated the tortoise, and that cost him the race.

Samson's story follows a similar pattern. He was born with incredible strength, a gift from God, but he became careless and lost sight of where his strength truly came from. Even with many advantages—godly parents and a clear purpose for his life—Samson wasted much of what had been given to him. He performed some amazing feats during his life, but he never fully recognized or respected the true source of his power. That is where he went off track.

God gave Samson his strength for a reason. He was

meant to be an instrument against the Philistines, but he allowed his strength to make him proud. Sometimes the very thing that makes us stand out can also lead to our downfall. Talent, charisma, intelligence—whatever it may be—when it becomes our identity, we lose sight of the bigger picture.

In Judges 16:28, Samson prays: *“O Sovereign Lord, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more...”* This is the only time we hear Samson pray. In that moment, he realizes that his strength was never truly his own, and that only God could restore it.

In the end, God still uses Samson to accomplish His purpose. Samson brings judgment upon the Philistines and their god Dagon, but he pays a heavy price—his life. His story is heartbreaking. He had the opportunity to make a lasting difference for his people, but he squandered much of that opportunity.

Samson's life is a wake-up call. Here are three things he ignored—and what we cannot afford to ignore:

1. He lost sight of his life's calling.
2. He failed to recognize his own weakness.
3. He forgot about God's presence.



Conclusion:

Samson's life is both a warning and a promise. It warns us that ignoring our purpose, our limitations, or God's presence can lead to serious consequences. But it also reminds us that restoration is possible, even after we fall.

Falling is not the end if we are willing to turn back. The real tragedy is refusing to rise and return to God.

Do not wait for a crisis to pray. Stay aware of your purpose, remain humble, and depend on God daily. When we do that, our strengths will not become our downfall, and our gifts will never take the place of the One who gave them.



Prayer:

Gracious and merciful Lord,

We admit that we often trust in our own strength and rely on our talents more than on Your grace. Forgive us for losing sight of our calling, ignoring our weaknesses, and taking Your presence lightly. Protect us from pride and help us to recognize where we fall short. When we stumble, give us the humility to return to You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

- Rev. Christopher Ebenezer Karkada



Prayer Point

Pray for the teachers and the education system.

