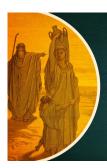
REAL HEROES FOR DARK DAYS



A STUDY OF JUDGES

#11: SAMSON: THE TRAGEDY OF WASTED POTENTIAL (PT. 3) JUDGES 15-16

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. THOUGHTS ON FINISHING WELL

1. Explain the following scripture:

The end of a matter is better than its beginning... Ecclesiastes 7:8a (NIV)

- 2. It appears to have at least a couple of applications:
 - Good News: It doesn't matter how you start out—but how you finish that counts
 - Bad News: Having a great start is no guarantee of having a good ending

II. SAMSON: THE TRAGEDY OF WASTED POTENITAL—JUDGES 13-16

- 1. Act One: Samson's thrilling beginning (13:1-25)
 - ⇒ His birth was predicted by The Angel of the Lord (v.1-3)
 - ⇒ He had godly parents (v.4-5a; 8-23)
 - ⇒ God had a special purpose for his life (v.5b-25)
- 2. Act Two: Samson's turbulent life (14:1-16:22)

Samson made a habit of...

Worldly attitudes:

	Impulsive decisions:
	Moral compromise:
	Trivializing godliness:
3.	Act Three: Samson's tragic end (16:23-31)
	VAYS TO AVOID THE TRAGEDY OF WASTED POTENITAL View my relationship with God as a lifestyle – not an event
2.	Realize that small moral compromises often lead to big moral failures
3.	Refuse to put myself in situations that could compromise my commitment to God