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Designated Hero – Samson

*Again the Israelites did evil in the Lord’s sight, so the Lord handed them over to the Philistines, who oppressed them for forty years. **Judges 13:1 (NLT)***

*The angel of the Lord appeared to Manoah’s wife and said, “Even though you have been unable to have children, you will soon become pregnant and give birth to a son. So be careful; you must not drink wine or any other alcoholic drink nor eat any forbidden food. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and his hair must never be cut. **For he will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines.”** **Judges 13:3-5 (NLT)***

*Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah... The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, “Entice Samson to tell you what makes him so strong and how he can be overpowered and tied up securely. Then each of us will give you 1,100 pieces of silver.” **Judges 16:4-5 (NLT)***

*Finally, Samson shared his secret with her. “My hair has never been cut,” he confessed, “for I was dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth...” **Judges 16:17 (NLT)***

*...When he woke up, he thought, “I will do as before and shake myself free.” **But he didn’t realize the Lord had left him.** So the Philistines captured him and gouged out his eyes. They took him to Gaza, where he was bound with bronze chains and forced to grind grain in the prison. **Judges 16:20-21 (NLT)***

*The Philistine rulers held a great festival, offering sacrifices and praising their god, Dagon. They said, “Our god has given us victory over our enemy Samson!” When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying, “Our god has delivered our enemy to us! The one who killed so many of us is now in our power!” **Judges 16:23-24 (NLT)***

Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "Sovereign Lord, remember me again. O God, please strengthen me just one more time... Then Samson put his hands on the two center pillars that held up the temple. Pushing against them with both hands, he prayed, "Let me die with the Philistines." And the temple crashed down on the Philistine rulers and all the people. So he killed more people when he died than he had during his entire lifetime. Judges 16:28-30 (NLT)

Lessons from Samson:

How to Become the Hero God Always Had in Mind

1. No matter how much I may have missed it, God can still use me.

... "Sovereign Lord, remember me again..." Judges 16:28 (NLT)

2. No matter what time it is, there is still time.

"...strengthen me just one more time..." Judges 16:28 (NLT)

3. Start using what God has given me for His glory, instead of just my gratification.

*Then Samson put his hands on the two center pillars...
Judges 16:29 (NLT)*

4. Choose to live for something bigger than myself. (Impact eternity.)

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Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13 (NIV)

Going deeper on your own: Read the story of Samson found in Judges 13-16. What does this story tell us about the nature of God and the nature of mankind? Have you ever seen someone living a life of wasted potential? Brainstorm ways you can keep from wasting the God-given potential He has afforded you. Choose at least one thing you will do this week to be fully used by God and then make it happen.