

**GOD'S AMAZING GRACE**  
**JUDGES 16**  
**3-26-23**

Judges 16:1-3 - *"Samson went to Gaza, and there he saw a prostitute, and he went in to her. <sup>2</sup> The Gazites were told, 'Samson has come here.' And they surrounded the place and set an ambush for him all night at the gate of the city. They kept quiet all night, saying, 'Let us wait till the light of the morning; then we will kill him.'<sup>3</sup> But Samson lay till midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts, and pulled them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that is in front of Hebron."*

**I. Samson was a Consecrated Man**

Judges 16:20 - *"And she said, 'The Philistines are upon you, Samson!' And he awoke from his sleep and said, 'I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.' But he did not know that the LORD had left him."*

**II. Samson was a Mirror of Israel**

Judges 16:22 - *"But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved."*

**III. Samson was a Recipient of Amazing Grace**

Judges 16:28-30 - *"Then Samson called to the LORD and said, 'O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes.'<sup>29</sup> And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other.<sup>30</sup> And Samson said, 'Let me die with the Philistines.' Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life."*

## **GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK**

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged the way that you think?
2. How can you be “consecrated” to the Lord in your life (work, home, our community, what we watch, what we post...etc.)?
3. Why is it important for us to live consecrated in the world today? Is it difficult to do this? Why or why not?
4. Samson, like Israel and like us, lost his first love... God. How can we be guilty of losing our love for God today? How do we combat this as Christians?
5. Samson points to God’s amazing grace in his life, from his birth, his strength, and even in his final act. How does your life reflect God’s amazing grace?  
~ Share some stories as a group and praise God that He works despite our sin and weakness!
6. Pastor Brandon said, “When God acts it is always for His glory”. How has this statement been true in your life? What does this statement say about God? What does it say about how we should live this life?