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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
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Text: Judges 16:22-31

Title: Guarding The Heart

Topic: God's Sovereign Grace

- Drift doesn't require active rebellion; it only requires doing _____.
- No failure is _____ the reach of God's sovereign grace.
- Our failures, no matter how big or small, no matter how gross or disgusting, do not have the final word when a sovereign, merciful God is involved.
- Why do I struggle to believe God can still use me after I have completely ruined my witness and broken my promises to Him?

- Judges 16:22, "But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.
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- Romans 5:20, "Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more."
- "The grace that does not change my life will not save my soul." Charles Spurgeon
- Psalms 139:23-24 "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!"
- 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

- Judges 16:23-25, 23 "Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." 24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." 25 And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, that he may entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars."
- Judges 16:26-31. 26 "And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them." 27 Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained. 28 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." 29 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. 30 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. 31 Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

- Samson's prayer is an admission of complete _____.
- Samson recognized his strength belonged entirely to the Lord. He admitted his complete dependency on the Lord.
- Mark 11:24. "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

➤ Personal Applications:

- Pay attention to small compromises
- Don't ignore the red flags, staying in the house of temptation, to the point of spiritual exhaustion.
- Never forget; your hair can grow back. Turn to Him in complete dependence.
- Enjoy the true freedom found only in Christ Jesus and thank Him for the abundant amount of grace that we do not deserve!