

**By Faith Samson**  
**Heroes of the Faith—Part 6**  
**Hebrews 11:32**  
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*Do I need to give more examples? I do not have time to tell you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets.*

— Hebrews 11:32 NCV

**God appointed a new leader and judge over Israel (Samson) whose life was full of contradictions and character flaws:**

1. When we are first introduced to Samson, he is in the midst of a Terrifying \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Suddenly,” the Bible says, “a young lion came roaring toward Samson! The Spirit of the LORD entered Samson with great power, and he tore the lion apart with his bare hands. For him it was as easy as tearing apart a young goat.”*

--Judges 14:5-6 NCV

*“He went to the city of Ashkelon, killed thirty men, took their clothing, and gave it to the young men who had told him the answer to his riddle. But he was furious about it and abandoned his wife and went back home to live with his father and mother.” (vs. 19).*

*“So Samson went out and caught three hundred foxes. He took two foxes at a time, tied their tails together, and then tied a torch to the tails of each pair of foxes. After he lit the torches, he let the foxes loose in the grainfields of the Philistines so that he burned up their standing grain, the piles of grain, their vineyards, and their olive trees.”*

--Judges 15:4-5 NCV)

2. Now, fast-forward those twenty years and we find: Samson in the midst of a Torrid \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek.” --Judges 16:4 NLT*

3. After revealing his secret, Samson would experience a Torturous \_\_\_\_\_.

*“He didn’t realize the LORD had left him.”*

--vs. 20 NLT

4. With that glimmer of hope Samson finally experiences a Timely \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Sovereign LORD, remember me again. O God, please strengthen me just one more time.”*

--Vs. 28 NLT