

# Samson Brought the House Down

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Speaker 1: According to the Bible, Samson was the strongest man in the whole Bible.

Speaker 2: But one day he had a weak moment, and the enemy captured him and chained him to the temple.

Speaker 1: Here's what happened next. Samson huffed, and he puffed, and he blew the—

Speaker 3: (*Interrupting*) Hey, I think you got your stories mixed up.

Speaker 2: Actually, he prayed to God to make him strong one more time.

Speaker 1: He pulled as hard as he could on the pillars he was chained to.

Everyone: And Samson brought the house down.

Bluesy feel ♩ = ca. 108

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It begins with a guitar introduction consisting of five measures. The first measure has a chord of E7, the second D7, and the third A. The fourth measure has a chord of B (no 3) and the fifth E7. The sixth measure has a chord of A7. The vocal line starts at measure 7 with the lyrics 'Sam - son was a good - man,'. The music continues with chords E7 and A7. At measure 10, the lyrics are 'he was real - ly strong; And the Bi - ble tells - us his'. The music continues with chords A7 and E7. At measure 12, the lyrics are 'hair was real - ly long. Sam - son had such pow - er, the'. The music continues with chords A7 and E7.

4 B (no3) E7 A7

7 E7 A7 *mf* CHOIR *unis.*  
Sam - son was a good - man,

10 A7 E7  
he was real - ly strong; And the Bi - ble tells - us his

12 A7 E7  
hair was real - ly long. Sam - son had such pow - er, the

14 A<sup>7</sup> E<sup>b9</sup><sub>7</sub>

Phil - i - stines were scared; 'Til a la - dy named De - li - lah learned the

16 B (no3) E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>

sec - ret of his hair.

19 E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> *mf* A<sup>7</sup>

Then she wait - ed 'til

22 E<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>

Sam - son fell a - sleep, She cut his hair off when he

24 B<sup>7</sup> B<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b7</sup>

woke up he was weak; The sold - iers

26 A<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>

took him to the tem - ple and tied up his hands, It

28 E<sup>7</sup> E<sup>7</sup>

sound - ed so sim - ple but God had a plan, And

30 B<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>

all at once the peo - ple heard a might - y crash - ing sound.

32 N.C. *f* A<sup>7</sup> E<sup>7</sup>

Whoa, Sam - son brought the house down.

35 A7 E7 A7 *mf*  
 Here's the

38 A7 E7  
 les - son the peo - ple learned that day, When we are

40 A7 B7 B7 B $\flat$ 7  
 weak - est we know God will be our strength; The sold - iers

43 A7 A7  
 took him to the tem - ple and tied up his hands. It

45 E7 E7  
 sound - ed so sim - ple but God had a plan, And

47 B7 A7  
 all at once the peo - ple heard a might - y crash - ing sound.

49 N.C. *f* A7  
 Whoa, Sam - son brought the house down.

51 E7 A7 E7

54 A7 *f* N.C. A  
 Sam - son brought the house down.

## BIBLE TRUTH

Scripture: *Judges 13:2–5, 16:17–19, 16:23–30*

There once was a man named Samson. He was one of the strongest men on earth. No one could even begin to think of challenging him, and those who even tried were killed. The Bible even says he tore a lion apart with his bare hands! A lion! One time he even fought a thousand men by himself—and won! He was crazy-strong. It was unbelievable.

Do you know where he got his strength? God gave it to him with the promise that he would always be tough unless he cut his hair. As Samson grew up, he was set apart for God to use him. It was promised that he would deliver the Israelites from their enemies, the Philistines. That's a lot of responsibility to carry. But if God gives you a job to do, He will always give you the strength and courage to carry it out.

Unfortunately, Samson made a few mistakes along the way and told a woman named Delilah about the source of his strength: his hair never being cut. Delilah had been persuaded by the promise of money from the Philistines to give up Samson's secret. She took the offer and had a man cut off Samson's hair while Samson slept. This was the moment the Philistines had been waiting for! Samson finally didn't have the physical strength to fight them. But God gave Samson another chance to defeat them. When all the Philistines were at a party, Samson cried out to God to give him strength one last time. He pushed on the building, and it came toppling down on all those Philistines.

God is the one who gives us our gifts. Your gift may be that you are athletic. It might be that you are smart, or maybe you are the one who makes everyone laugh and smile. When God created you, He made you just the way you are. Every detail was created by Him. Just like He gave Samson superhuman strength, He's given you special talents too. And when God calls you to use these skills, He will give you the power and bravery to do it! He may not ask you to topple a building. He may just ask you to go sit by the new kid in class who doesn't know anyone—but every job is important. Be watching for what God asks you to do—and be amazed when He gives you supernatural courage to do it!



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