

Hope Chapel's Summer Series: *Falling Up; Learning from Failures*

Message Summary: Some people make us scratch our head in wonder and wipe our eyes in sorrow. Samson was such a man. He had everything he needed to be outstanding, yet he ended his life as a blinded slave in the enemy's camp. Most everyone knows of his exploits as the superhero of the Old Testament. And even though God used him, Samson could have been so much more. Let's trace some of the downhill steps Samson took to lose his superhero cape.

A Superhero Loses His Cape

Judges 14

1. Samson Disrespected His Parents (vv. 1-4)

2. Samson Disregarded His God (vv. 5-9)

3. Samson Distanced His Friends (vv. 10-11)

4. Samson Downplayed His Failure (vv. 12-18)

5. Samson Decimated His Enemies (vv. 19-20)

LifeGroup Questions:

LifeGroups are on Summer Break. Use this Questionnaire Guide for Conversation with your family and friends.

BEGIN IT (5min) – Take a moment to thank the Lord and pray for His guidance.

OPEN IT (10min) – What are some warnings that you have been grateful for? Why?

EXPLORE IT (60min) - Read Judges 14 and review Sunday's sermon outline together allowing for individual questions, comments and contributing thoughts.

1. What does this message tell us about our responsibility towards God?
2. What are some examples from your life of both trusting God and doubting Him?
3. What is something you have learned or taken note of from this sermon?

APPLY IT (15min) – What is behind the ups and downs in your spiritual journey? Share this information with a trusted person who will pray with you and provide encouragement.