

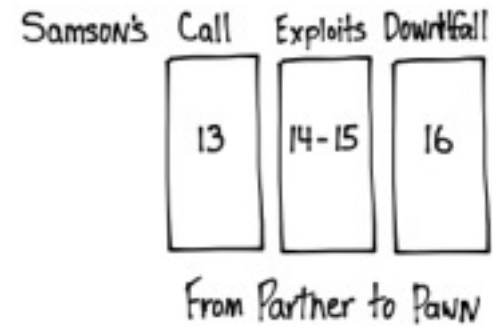
5. Why would God gift such a selfish man with superhuman strength (what was God up to through Samson)?

**SERIES:** The Promised Land (Joshua & Judges)  
**SERMON 8:** "Partner or Pawn in God's Plan?"  
**TEXT:** Judges 14-16  
**DATE:** November 21/22, 2015

You get to choose whether you will be a partner or pawn in God's \_\_\_\_\_ plan.

6. What are God's redemptive purposes?

### THE SAMSON CYCLE



7. What does Pastor Henry mean when he says we have a choice to be a partner with God in his redemptive purposes or his pawn in his plan?

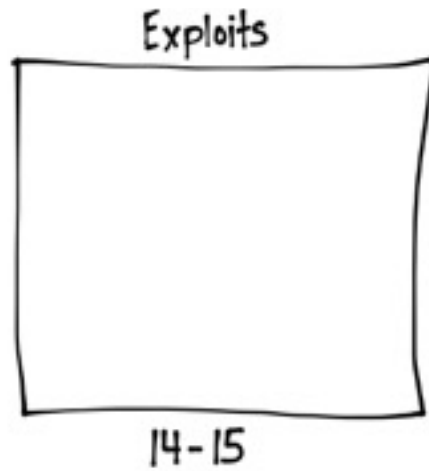
Samson is called to be a partner with God in his plan, but he ends up being used as a pawn.

### UNEQUALLY YOKED

8. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

1. It's unfair to the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It risks your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It risks the \_\_\_\_\_ of your kids.

## SAMSON'S EXPLOITS



## SAMSON'S DOWNFALL

Judges 16

### WHY GIVE SAMSON STRENGTH?

Flashback 1: The People Never \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 13:1-2)

Flashback 2: Samson Will Only \_\_\_\_\_ the Liberation (Judges 13:5)

Flashback 3: God Uses Samson's \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 14:4)

Flashback 4: Judah on Brink of \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 15:11)

Flash-forward: A Philistine \_\_\_\_\_ & a \_\_\_\_\_ Savior

Will I partner with God in his redemptive purposes or will I end up only serving as his pawn so that others can receive and experience God's redemption?

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Judges 14-16

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. When you were a kid, what superpower (if any) did you most desire?

3. Why does God warn us (command us) not to marry someone who doesn't share our love and commitment to God in Christ?

4. How can we instill this value (to only marry a committed Christian) in the next generation?