

If I Had Just Listened To My Mama, Part 2 Judges 14:1-3

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Observations

- Samson's parents had just given him the reason he should not marry the woman from Timnath (She was not spiritual, not in the Kingdom of God which is a bad start)
- Samson's answer to his parents is in Judges 14:3, in so many words was, ***"Well she is right for me!"***
- My question is, ***"How do you define right?"*** and ***"Who are you trying to please?"*** *Psalms 119:130*
- 2 Corinthians 6:14, ***"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?"***

Paul, here, is not concerned with looks or material job security but spirituality as was Samson's parent's concern!

The Things Samson Didn't Do That He Should Have Done Before His Announcement

- He didn't take time to know her well
- He didn't take time to know her friends well
- He didn't take time to know her family well
- In other words, her circle of influence that had shaped her thinking, moral conduct, disposition, patience, etc., was never taken into serious account

Observations

- As a result of poor planning on Samson's part the marriage lasted 7 days!
- Things got so bad that Samson left his wife in anger (Judges 14: 19) and went home to live with his parents!
- This also tells me that Samson wasn't ready for marriage. As a **Single Man**, he didn't even have his own place
- When a man gets married, ladies, he ought to be living in his own place, and paying his own bills
- Ladies, be wary of a man who wants to marry you but is not yet **on his own!** (**Parents still covering his expenditures!**)

Observations

- Most marriage counselors will tell you that when a spouse has gone through a recent divorce or major break-up, that they shouldn't rush into another relationship (give yourself time before trying a new one)
- Samson, the Bible says, rushes into another one not giving time for healing from the first one
- In Judges 16:1, we see Samson messing around with a prostitute and in verse 4, he's already in love with Delilah

Observations

- So now Samson makes the same mistake in his new relationship, that he made before: he falls in love with someone that doesn't love him
- As a matter fact Delilah pestered, nagged, and tormented him, Judges 16:16
- Be wary of some dating relationships in which you are getting tormented, (always criticized)

They don't mind going out with you but you feel nagged constantly

They don't mind you spending your money but you're always wrong

They don't mind burning up your gasoline and using your resources but they constantly cut you down

The relationship is contingent on what you sacrifice and have to absorb, or tolerate, but they don't love you for you! (adapt now, pay later)

Finally, God, Why Not Warn Samson?

In a Sense He Did

- First, God warned Samson through his parents, Judges 14
- Second, God warned him through the Lion that attacked him as he was going to meet the woman from Timnath
Judges 14:6-7
- Third, God warned him when things weren't spiritually going well with a non-spiritual woman, Judges 16:16
When you are unequally yoked, the devil will eventually show himself (When you marry the devil's daughter, who is your father-in-law?)
- Fourth, God warned him when he left the prostitute in the middle of the night and the Philistines almost captured him by ambush, (lifted the gates of Gaza , Judges 16:2-3)

Psalms 119:9

“How can a young man cleanse his way (live a clean life)?

By taking heed according to your word.”

Proverbs 6:20-28

“My son, obey your father’s commands and don’t neglect your mother’s instruction. Keep their words always in your heart. Tie them around your neck. When you walk, their counsel will lead you. When you sleep, they will protect you. When you wake up they will advise you.”

Proverbs 6:20-28

“For their command is a lamp and their instruction a light; their corrective discipline is the way of life. It will keep you from the immoral woman, from the smooth tongue of a promiscuous woman. Don’t lust for her beauty. Don’t let her coy glances seduce you.”

Proverb 6:20-28

“For a prostitute will bring you to poverty, but sleeping with another man’s wife will cost you your life. Can a man scoop a flame into his lap and not have his clothes catch on fire? Can he walk on hot coals and not blister his feet?”

Proverbs 6:20-28

“So it is with the man who sleeps with another man’s wife. He who embraces her will not go unpunished.”

The Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38