

# Rise and Fall of Samson

## Judges 13-16

### Signs of People in Trouble

- Fail to address glaring character weaknesses
- Use deception and lies
- Act impulsively
- Overcome by area of weakness
- Misuse God-given gifts
- Lose humility or teach-ability
  - They lean on their own strengths and understanding
  - Fail to learn from mistakes
    - I don't mind so much making mistakes. I do mind repeating them over and over again.
    - You will fail. You can fail forward or fail backwards. Samson's life took a downward spiral. He compounded mistakes by repeating them.
    - Admit mistakes. Samson blamed others.
    - Learn from mistakes. Implement necessary changes.
- People in trouble react to problems. You should pro-act. Smart people are proactive. Dumb people are reactive.