

The Weakness of Samson and the Strength of God

A Life-Story of Many Ironies

1. Samson's faith in himself
leads to catastrophe

Verses 1-20

Irony: Samson thought he was strong, but he was weak (v20)

2. The Philistines treat Samson
as a trophy to be tamed...but are
blind to God's power

Verses 21-25

Irony: Samson's spiritual
blindness has led to his physical
blindness (v21)

Irony: Samson is blind, but so
are the Philistines (v22)

Irony: The player has become
the plaything (v25)

3. Samson's death is God's spectacular victory

Verses 26-31

Irony: Samson was strongest
when he was weakest (v30)

We find what we long for most
when we rely on Jesus, the
person we had most wanted to
avoid