



Sermon Series: "Story"

Series Description: As we set out to examine the theme of 'story' over these twelve weeks, we'll be zooming in on twelve well-known Old Testament characters. In these real life, historical stories, we will see the way God takes lives filled with small successes and great failures and, as a master craftsman, turns them into a grand masterpiece of divine origin. We will also see that all of our stories and all the stories that make up our city are no less a part of God's story than any other.

Story of the Week: Samson from Judges 13-16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sermon Summary: Samson is one of the prototypes for proof that God can use anyone to display His glory. The guy was a train-wreck of sin, pride, and lust. But the Israelites, whom he had been set apart to rescue, were no better. They had become numb and comfortable with their sin and Philistine oppressors. The story of Samson in Judges 13-16 teaches us not only that we are in need of a better hero (Samson wasn't enough) but also that we are just as susceptible to whore after other gods as Israel. Praise be to God who does not wait for us to cry out to Him for salvation but sends the hero, Jesus Christ, to be our redemption and rescue.

1. Who would you consider a hero in your life? Explain.
2. Why do you think the author of Judges used such an offensive phrase: "...they whored after other gods," to describe the sin of the Israelites in Judges 2:17? What other gods have you whored yourself out to? How do you think God feels about our idolatry?
3. With what sins have you become comfortably numb? What is slowly turning your identity into what the world thinks you should be?
4. What qualities do you think a hero should have? Does Jesus have those qualities? What makes Jesus different than any other hero? Does he make it onto your list? Explain.

PRAYER

- Pray for each other to be aware of and uncomfortable with our own sin.
- Pray for each other to be aware of the grace and forgiveness that has already been won by our hero-Savior, Jesus.
- Pray for each other to be aware and feel the strength of Jesus to overcome sin that comes from his victory on the cross.

All Church Announcements

YOUR STORY: A way to share how God has worked in supernatural ways to redeem your story is through our online story page! You can submit a written or recorded story. You can even interact with our virtual story wall. It's at: www.resonatemovement.org/story

- **BAPTISMS:** I hope you were encouraged by the baptisms last week! Each story is a miracle about a life transformed by God. If you would like to learn more about baptisms, we have an online class you can watch, and prayerfully consider taking your next step in following Jesus in baptism: www.resonatemovement.org/classes.
- **WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** Resonate will be hosting its first-ever Women's Conference. For more information and registration, go to: www.resonatemovement.org/unleashed.

- **MEMBERSHIP:** This is another great “Next Step” opportunity for disciples of Jesus at Resonate. Our next membership class will be held on Saturday, October 30, from 9am-2pm. Lunch and Childcare are provided. Please signup at: www.resonatemovement.org/classes.