

Title: Christians Must Conquer Lust

Text: Matthew 5:27-30

Introduction: I want to begin my sermon this morning by telling you a story about a young man that showed lots of promise, but whose life ended tragically all because he could not control or conquer his lust. (See Judges 13-16)

He was a young man who seemingly had everything going for him. His birth was literally an answer to prayer. His parents desperately wanted a child and they petitioned the Lord to bless them with a baby. To their joy a boy was born and they dedicated him to God. They gave their son a name that means, “a little bit of sunshine.”

The young man grew up in a godly home, with loving parents who doted on him and spoiled him almost beyond belief. He was strong and handsome and courageous. He had a wit and a sense of humor and enjoyed a good riddle. He was undoubtedly the life of the party anywhere he went. He was a rugged outdoorsman and would probably be considered a “man’s man.” There were times in his life when he showed flashes of true spiritual strength. However, they were short-lived.

The young man had everything going for him, but his life was tragically cut short in the prime of his life. At the end, he found himself betrayed, enslaved, blinded, and mocked by his enemies. His name? **Samson**.

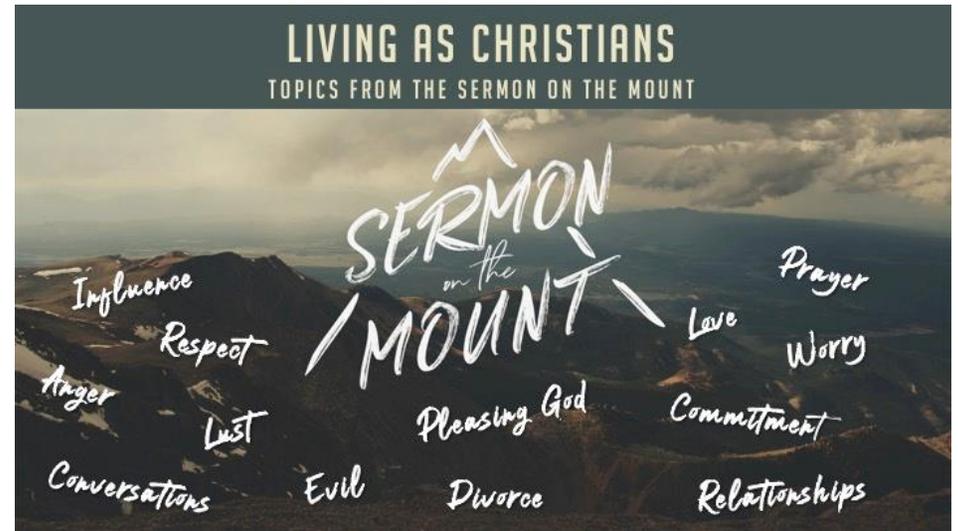
He is considered a “hero of the faith” in the Old Testament. However, the very same Scriptures that lift Samson up as an Israeli hero also paint a very sad picture of a man whose life never measured up to what it could have been. The Bible is very honest about his shortcomings. Samson was irresponsible, short on personal holiness, and a man whose uncontrolled sensuality ultimately brought his downfall. He could not overcome or conquer lust.

Years later, Jesus knew His followers in every age would have problems with illicit thoughts and actions with persons of the opposite sex. He gave His disciples help in dealing with and conquering lust. What should we learn from this passage? What insight did Jesus give us in the Sermon on the Mount on this subject?

- I. The _____ of Lust

- II. The _____ of Lust

- III. The _____ to Conquer Lust



Sunday, September 27, 2020

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

Welcome.....Larry Gipson

Praise and Worship

I Sing Praises
Shine Jesus Shine
Still

Scripture Reading.....Gary Morgan

Message in Song.....Tracie Tolentino
Worn

Message.....Larry Gipson

Living As Christians
Christians Must Conquer Lust
Matthew 5:27-30

Time of Commitment

Jesus Is Lord of All

Closing.....Larry Gipson

Post Service Music.....Celebration Band
Still



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Prayer guides and offering envelopes are on the tables
outside the sanctuary.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Scripture for the week of **September 27-October 3**
Nehemiah 8-13, Psalm 126, Malachi 1-4, Luke 1-2, John 1:1-14,
Matthew 1-3, Luke 2

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OFFERING

We are accepting donations for our Operation Christmas Child
project. The funds will be used to purchase items for the boxes
and to pay shipping.

Our Response to God's Faithfulness
Our Tithes & Offerings

Monthly Budget Needs.....\$61,367.26
Budget Receipts To Date in Sept.....\$46,014.32

THE NURSERY IS BACK!!

We will begin having a Nursery again during the 10:30 Sunday
morning services on Sunday, October 4! Safety measures will be
maintained and children will be well-cared-for as the parents worship.

OCTOBER MAGAZINES AND DEVOTIONS

are available outside the church office.