



Sunday Worship 11-28-21

Sermon: Blind Spot

TEXT for Today:

Judges 16:20-21

20 Then she cried out, "Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!" When he woke up, he thought, "I will do as before and shake myself free." But he didn't realize the Lord had left him. 21 Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison.

A BLIND SPOT is a place or thing we can't see or realize or perceive is there.

The most common blind spot is this:
Believing OTHERS have them, but WE don't.

1 Samuel 7:3-4

3 Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you return to the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the Lord, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines." 4 So the children of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and served the Lord only.

HOW CAN A BLIND SPOT AFFECT US?

1. Samson _____ to see his own _____.

a. Judges 16:4-5 Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. 5 And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Entice him, and find out where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver."

HOW CAN A BLIND SPOT AFFECT US?

2. Samson _____ signs.

a. Judges 16:15-16 Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength lies." 16 And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death,

HOW CAN A BLIND SPOT AFFECT US?

3. Samson opened his _____ to the wrong _____.

a. Judges 16:17-19 (Samson) told her all his heart, and said to her, "No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man." 18 When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more, for he has told me all his heart." So the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hand. 19 Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him.

b. John 14:1 (Jesus told us) Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

c. The thing that _____ your attention is what will _____ your _____.

RECOVERING FROM ERROR THAT A BLIND SPOT LEADS TO:

1. Samson now recognizes his lost _____.

a. Judges 16:20-21 ... So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him. Then the Philistines took him...

b. Potential is not what you have _____, but what you can _____. Not what _____, but what could _____.

RECOVERING FROM ERROR THAT A BLIND SPOT LEADS TO:

2. Samson now recaptures sight of his _____.

a. Judges 16:25-28a So it happened, when their hearts were merry, that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may perform for us." So they called for Samson from the prison, and he performed for them. And they stationed him between the pillars. 26 Then Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars which support the temple, so that I can lean on them." 27 Now the temple was full of men and

women. All the lords of the Philistines were there—about three thousand men and women on the roof watching while Samson performed. 28 Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, “O Lord God, remember me, I pray!

b. Acts 26:17-18 MSG (Paul’s testimony to King Agrippa of what Jesus told him at his conversion) “‘I’m sending you off to open the eyes of the outsiders so they can see the difference between dark and light, and choose light, see the difference between Satan and God, and choose God. I’m sending you off to present my offer of sins forgiven, and a place in the family, inviting them into the company of those who begin real living by believing in me.’

c. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (The wise man said at the end of his life) Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

RECOVERING FROM ERROR THAT A BLIND SPOT LEADS TO:

3. Samson now clearly sees where his _____ comes from.

a. Judges 16:28-30 Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, “O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!” 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left. 30 Then Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!” And he pushed with all his might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life.

b. Hebrews 11:32, 34 (Abbreviated) How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets... Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight.

c. Ephesians 5:8-14 (Paraphrase) For you once had a blind spot... but now it is light in the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of a blind spot, but rather expose them. Let every blind spot exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Conclusion:

Remain focused on God in your life—front and center—and He will put light on your blind spot!

Reflection:

Will you drag your blind spot into the light of Christ?

We either do or we don't, it will either affect us or it won't!