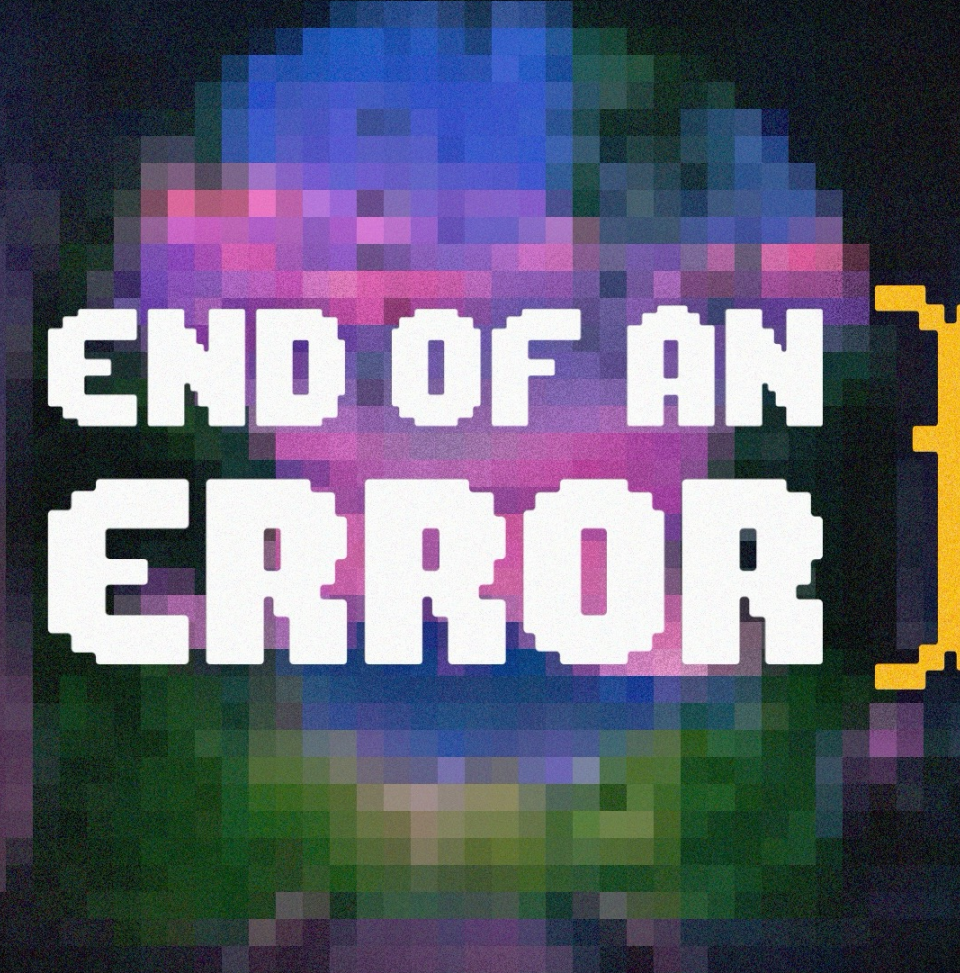


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SAMSON

Judges 13:5 (NIVUK)

⁵ You will become pregnant and have a son whose head is never to be touched by a razor because the boy is to be a **Nazirite**, dedicated to God from the womb. **He will take the lead in delivering Israel** from the hands of the Philistines.'

Judges 14:6 (NIVUK)

⁶The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him so that he tore the lion apart with his bare hands as he might have torn a young goat. But he told neither his father nor his mother what he had done.

Judges 16:3 (NIVUK)

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Judges 16:29-30 (NIVUK)

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The same man who could conquer
thousands could not conquer himself.

Our strengths are the talents, gifts,
and abilities that God has given us.

Luke 12:48 (NIVUK)

⁴⁸ ...From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Our strengths come from God.
He expects us to use them for His
purposes, not to show off.

Samson used what God gave him
for himself, and not for God.

**MISUSED
STRENGTH**

Judges 16:1-22 (NIVUK)

¹ One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her. ² The people of Gaza were told, 'Samson is here!' So they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the city gate. They made no move during the night, saying, 'At dawn we'll kill him.'

Judges 16:1-22 (NIVUK)

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Judges 16:1-22 (NIVUK)

⁵ The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, 'See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so that we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver.' ⁶ So Delilah said to Samson, 'Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued.'

Judges 16:1-22 (NIVUK)

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Judges 16:1-22 (NIVUK)

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Judges 16:1-22 (NIVUK)

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Judges 16:1-22 (NIVUK)

¹³ Delilah then said to Samson, 'All this time you have been making a fool of me and lying to me. Tell me how you can be tied.' He replied, 'If you weave the seven braids of my head into the fabric on the loom and tighten it with the pin, I'll become as weak as any other man.' So while he was sleeping, Delilah took the seven braids of his head, wove them into the fabric

Judges 16:1-22 (NIVUK)

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Judges 16:1-22 (NIVUK)

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Judges 16:1-22 (NIVUK)

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Samson was **spiritually blind** long before
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We become **blind to God's purposes**
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“I don’t need God. I’ve got this.”

— *Samson*

Proverbs 16:18 (NIVUK)

¹⁸ Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

We must remember that
every achievement is ultimately
God's blessing.

Philippians 3:7 (NIVUK)

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

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Judges 16:28-30 (NIVUK)

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God uses imperfect people.

John 14:6 (NIVUK)

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Romans 10:9 (NIVUK)

⁹ if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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