

Sermon Title: **“ENTERTAINMENT BROUGHT THE HOUSE DOWN”**

Judges 16:23-31

- The following event happens some time following Samson’s imprisonment
- The 5 lords of the Philistines throw a party & invite some of their friends to honor their god (Dagon)
  - They attribute this victory over Samson to their fake god
- Outwardly Samson had been set apart, but inwardly Samson struggled to surrender
  - Samson’s over indulging appetite had brought him to such a lowly place
- Gaza was known for being a place of eating & drinking & dancing & music
  - So after overly indulging & probably being drunk, they call for Samson to entertain them
- Think about it, Samson lost his eyesight & now Samson was dependent on a little boy to lead him around
  - Samson asks this little boy to prop him up against the load bearing wall
- The words used for “men & women” are different in this verse
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Occurrence = distinguished people (in the house)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Occurrence = common people (3,000 on the roof)
- A decent amount of time passes & it’s now that Samson called out to the Lord
  - Samson asks the Lord to one more time fill him with strength
- In this final act, Samson killed more Philistines than he had in his entire lifetime