



Judges:


Coulda

Shoulda

But Didn't

# Judges 14:1-11





Samson, the  
Hottie, & the Lion

# Judges 14:1-2

Philistines had invaded  
Timnah (an area of Dan)  
& 1 of the daughters of  
these Philistine invaders  
caught Samson's eye



It's pretty clear it  
**WASN'T** this young  
woman's personality that  
caught Samson's attention  
(it was her looks)



God gave a clear warning  
about intermarrying with  
foreign nations



However, intermarrying  
with the Philistines was  
**NOT** expressly forbidden  
(Deut. 7:1-3)



I personally believe this  
revealed a lifelong vice of  
Samson - a lack of  
self-control (wanting  
instant gratification)

Judges 14:3a





Samson (who was set apart for  
the Lord) desiring to be  
married to a woman whose  
family worshiped Dagon  
(a false god) DOESN'T jive  
(it just seems off)



Judges 14:3b

Despite Samson's parents'  
concerns (which are valid)

Samson demands to  
proceed to marry her



Judges 14:4

God took Samson's  
misguided desires & used  
them ultimately for good



We serve a Supremely  
Sovereign God.  
NOTHING thwarts  
God's will & desired end  
Judges 14:5



# Judges 14:5

Getting so close to the vineyard seems like Samson putting himself as close to the line as possible without going over (dangerous)



With his parents apparently  
somewhere near Timnah,  
Samson (on his own) comes  
across a roaring, young lion

Judges 14:6



Samson had NOTHING  
in his hands (he was  
barehanded) & it's believed  
he grabbed hold of the  
lion's throat & tore it out

Judges 14:7



# Judges 14:8

On Samson's way back to marry this young woman (which was after some time),

Samson stops by the dead lion





Inside this skeleton,  
bees built a hive  
filled with honey  
Judges 14:9



Samson started being  
sneaky & secretive, which is  
**ALWAYS** a recipe for  
disaster (wrong mindsets often  
lead  
to wrong actions)



Are you seeing things  
devolving in Samson's life?

Samson goes from  
daydreaming; to dangerously.  
close; to dabbling;  
to disregarding



SO WHAT?

