

“Dr. Strange”
At the Movies - Part 1
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**Sin will always take us
further than we want to go.**

“Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, so the Lord delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years.”

Judges 13:1 (NIV)

“. . . He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines.”

Judges 13:5 (NLT)

“the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him...” Judges 13:25 (NIV)

1. He went to the wrong place.

“Samson went down to Timnah. . .” Judges 14:1a (NIV)

2. He was looking for the wrong thing.

“Samson went down to Timnah and saw there a young Philistine woman.” Judges 14:1 (NIV)

3. He rejected Godly counsel.

4. He continued a wrong relationship.

“Then he went down and talked with the woman, and he liked her.”
Judges 14:7 (NIV)

5. He compromised his commitment.

6. He ignored his weaknesses.

“Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the strong, something sweet. .
. Coax your husband into explaining the riddle for us, or we will burn you
and your father’s household to death.” Judges 14:14-15 (NIV)

7. He’d rather take revenge than repent.

“This time I have a right to get even with the Philistines; I will really harm them.” Judges 15:3 (NIV)

“Since you’ve acted like this, I swear that I won’t stop until I get my revenge on you.” Judges 15:7 (NIV)

“He attacked them viciously and slaughtered many of them.”
Judges 15:8 (NIV)

“Because he was very thirsty, he cried out to the Lord, “You have given your servant this great victory. Must I now die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised?” Judges 15:18 (NIV)

“Samson led[d] Israel for twenty years in the days of the Philistines.”
Judges 15:20 (NIV)

“One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her.” Judges 16:1 (NIV)

“How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when you won’t confide in me?”
Judges 16:15 (NIV)

“With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was sick to death of it.” Judges 16:16 (NIV)

“. . . And his strength left him. . . But he did not know that the Lord had left him.” Judges 16:19-20

“Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding grain in the prison.” Judges 16:21 (NIV)

4 Steps to Recovery:

1. Acknowledge your fatal flaws.

“I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.” Psalm 38:18 (NIV)

2. Admit you need help.

“The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles.” Psalm 34:17 (NIV)

3. Avoid temptation.

“But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” Genesis 4:7 (NIV)

“Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts.” 2 Timothy 2:22 (NLT)

4. Ask for help.

“Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes.” Judges 16:28 (NIV)

“Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.” Judges 16:30 (NIV)