



**Nobody's That Stupid**  
Judges 21:25; Judges 14-15; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20  
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**Bottom Line: Once Samson had his eyes put out, he was able to see.**

**Introduction:**

Book Recommendation: *Popular* by Tindell Baldwin

Tindell surfaces a question that sets us up for our discussion today: *What do you do when your **body** wants what your **heart** knows is wrong?*

Chances are your greatest regret can be traced back to a decision where your body wanted something that your heart/conscience knew was wrong. You **saw** something/somebody and had to have it.

It depends on whether you are living from the **inside out** or the **outside in**.

**Review:**

We've been in the Old Testament book of Judges – Ancient Israel, where for 300+ years, history kept repeating itself.

**Disobedience → Disaster → Deliverance**

Israel never seemed to learn their lesson. They just kept repeating the same mistakes over and over again.

The book ends with the following statement:

“In those days there was no **king** in Israel; everyone did what was **right** in his own eyes (Judges 21:25 NASB).”

They became like the nations around them, and they were captured by the nations they copied.

They traded one king for another.

### Samson's Story:

Just like Israel, Samson was ...

- Set apart from birth.
- Gifted by God to do something special.
- Called to draw the world's attention to God.

But Samson, just like Israel, kept looking around instead of up. **He did what was right in his own eyes.** His sexual appetite ruled him. His eyes guided him.

Men have been choosing women over God since the beginning of time, and the results are always the same.

### Story from Judges 14-16:

When you read this story, you can't help wonder, can a man really be that stupid about women? **Yes.**

### Conclusion:

Do you know what God wants to do with you? Through you? With your children? Did you know the most significant thing you do may be *someone you raise*?

You have way more in common with Israel and Samson than you know. 1,300 years later, another Jewish man would write to us Gentiles:

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the **Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, **honor God with your bodies.**”

–1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Have you **yielded** this part of your lives to God? Your sexual conduct? Have you ever said, “Teach me to honor you, God, with my body?”

*What do you do when your **body** wants what your **heart** knows is wrong?*

Instead of doing what is right in your own eyes, do what is right **according to God.**

### NEXT STEPS:

- Memorize: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.**
- Ponder: *What do you do when your body wants what your heart knows is wrong?***
- Yield your body to God.**
- Return next week for Right in the Eye – Part 5: Extraordinary.**

### NEXT WEEK– Right in the Eye: Extraordinary

Why be *ordinary* you when you can be *extraordinary* you?

What kind of person do you want to be? When people stand and talk about you when you're gone, what do you want them to say? Do you realize that's up to you? What if you decided to be . . . *extraordinary*?