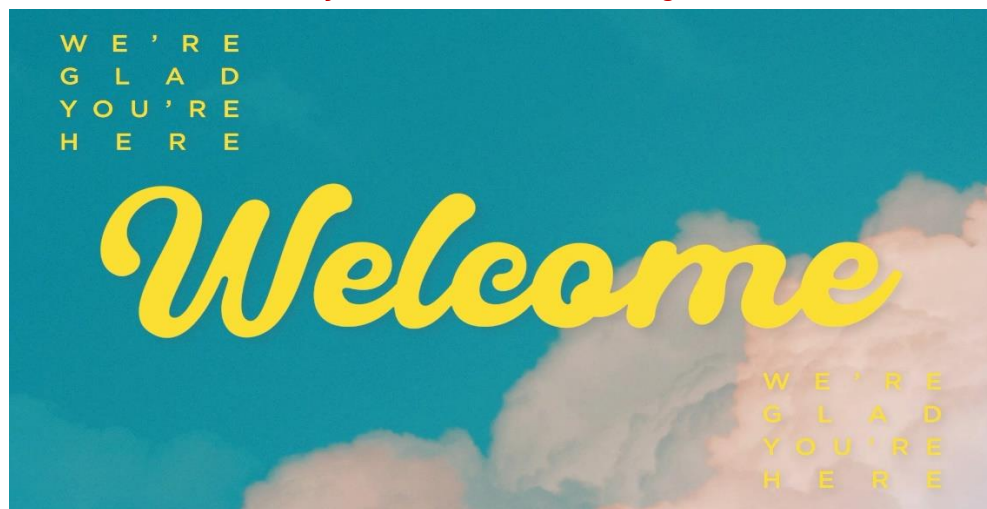
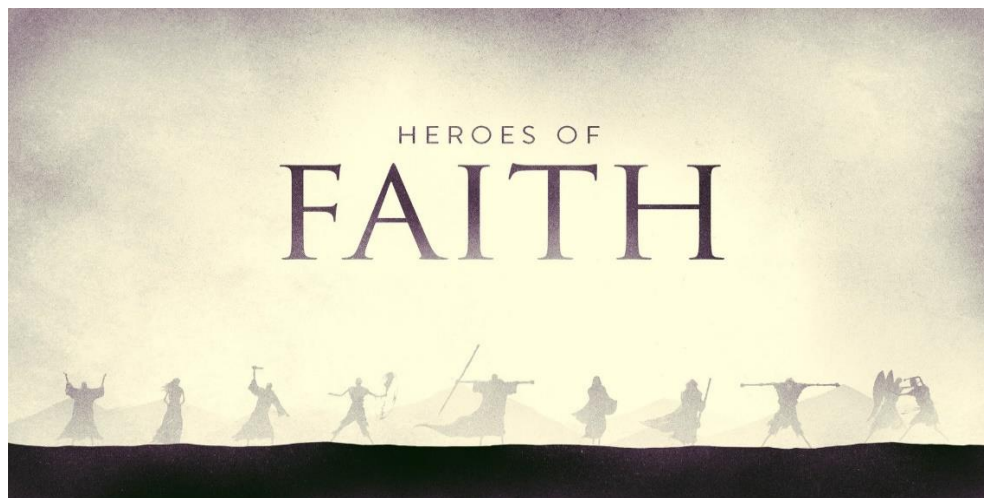


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Goodness
PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER Strength will rise
How great is our God
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER King of Kings, Majesty
BIBLE READING Judges 16:1-22 (Church Bible page 311)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER In the darkness we were waiting (King of Kings)



Heroes of Faith ~4 How to be spiritually strong. Judges 16:1-22 (Hebrews 11:32)

'And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.'

Hebrews 11:32-34 NIV

'The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the Lord blessed him.'
Judges 13:24 NIV

1. _____ will damage your life.

'Samson went down to Timnah and saw a young Philistine woman. When he returned, he said to his father and mother, "I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife." His father and mother replied, "Isn't there an acceptable woman among your relatives or among all our people? Must you go to the uncircumcised Philistines to get a wife?" But Samson said to his father, "Get her for me. She's the right one for me."

Judges 14:1-3 NIV

'Don't be misled. Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow! Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful desires will harvest the consequences of decay and death.' Galatians 6:7-8 NLT

Solid people _____ their desires.

'I will not be mastered by anything.' 1 Corinthians 6:12 NIV

'A person without self-control is as defenceless as a city with broken-down walls.'
Proverbs 25:28 NLT

2. _____ will damage your life.

'Samson said to them, "This time I have a right to get even with the Philistines; I will really harm them." Samson said to them, "Since you've acted like this, I won't stop until I get my revenge on you." Then three thousand men from Judah went down to the cave in the rock of Etam and said to Samson, "Don't you realise that the Philistines are rulers over us? What have you done to us?" He answered, "I merely did to them what they did to me."

Judges 15:3, 7, 11 NIV

'Samson said to them, "This time I have a right to get even with the Philistines; I will really harm them." So he went out and caught three hundred foxes and tied them tail to tail in pairs. He then fastened a torch to every pair of tails, lit the torches and let the foxes loose in the standing corn of the Philistines. He burned up the shocks and standing corn, together with the vineyards and olive groves.' Judges 15:3-5 NIV

'Finding a fresh jaw-bone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men.' Judges 15:15 NIV

Solid people _____ their reactions.

'A hot tempered man starts fights and gets into all kinds of trouble.' Proverbs 29:22 LB

'It is better to be slow-tempered than famous; it is better to have self-control than to control an army.' Proverbs 16:32 LB

'In your anger do not sin.' Ephesians 4:26 NIV

'A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.' Proverbs 29:11 NIV

3. _____ will damage your life.

'A certain man of Zorah, named Manoah, from the clan of the Danites, had a wife who was sterile and remained childless. The angel of the Lord appeared to her and said, "You are sterile and childless, but you are going to conceive and have a son. Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean, because you will conceive and give birth to a son. No razor may be used on his head, because the boy is to be a Nazirite, set apart to God from birth, and he will begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines."' Judges 13:2-5 NIV

'Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. 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." So Delilah said to Samson, "Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued." Samson answered her, "If anyone ties me with seven fresh thongs that have not been dried, I'll become as weak as any other man."' Judges 16:4-7 NIV

'Then Delilah said to Samson, "You have made a fool of me; you lied to me. Come now, tell me how you can be tied." He said, "If anyone ties me securely with new ropes that have never been used, I'll become as weak as any other man."' Judges 16:10-11 NIV

'Delilah then said to Samson, "Until now, 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 and tightened it with the pin. Again she called to him, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and pulled up the pin and the loom, with the fabric.' Judges 16:13-14 NIV

'Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when you won't confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven't told me the secret of your great strength." With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death. So he told her everything. "No razor has ever been used on my head," he said, "because I have been a Nazirite set apart to God since birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man."' Judges 16:15-17 NIV

'Having put him to sleep on her lap, she called a man to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him. And his strength left him. Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the Lord had left him.' Judges 16:19-20 NIV

Solid people _____ their commitments.

'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 in the prison.' Judges 16:21 NIV

'But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.' Judges 16:22 NIV

'Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "O Sovereign Lord, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." Then Samson reached towards the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" 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 16:28-30 NIV



There are no talk it over discussion questions as our Life Groups are on a break over the summer.



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