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Lighthouse Bible Study Guide

SAMSON AND DELILAH - RUINED BY DRAMA

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It is quite a sad development that the marriage institution is under a satanic siege today. Most couples struggle to understand their spouses, making living together a living hell. Many wonder, "If the bible says marriage is honorable, why this much pain?" The issue sometimes is that we don't play according to the rules of the game – according to the Word of God.

Our personalities (both spouses') play a major role in the outlook of a marriage; failure to realize that, especially, at the outset of a relationship, is often at the root of most marital problems. Samson and Delilah reveal a marriage marred with a lot of drama. Personality conflicts showed up in both spouses' inability to trust; in suspicion, lies, secrets, irresponsibility and disloyalty. They saw their relationship as a means to satisfy their selfish ends—He, for lust; her, for money.

The question of 'WHO?' is key as one considers getting married. It will expose real personality issues, either in you or in the person you want to get married to. If you don't take time to do that, you may be in for a relationship or marriage filled with drama, and that may become its undoing.

Today's bible study guide will help us to give careful heed to ourselves and to our relationships.

Get fast readers to read the following verses: Judges 13:4-5, 14:1-18, 15:1-2,13-20 & 16:22

1.	What can you tell about Samson's personality? What kind of man would you say he was?
2.	What can you tell about Delilah's personality? What kind of woman would you say she was?
3.	Can you describe what you think were the problems in their relationship (marriage)?
4.	Considering this couple, what would be your marriage advice to Singles and to the Married?
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Creating Significance: Father, we declare and decree over every marriage in ILCC, that they will follow God's divine pattern. Any drama that will lead to dissolution or divorce shall be far from our married couples. Make our husbands God-fearing men and our wives, women who please God. Deliver our singles from Delilahs and Samsons. Above all, where there are traits in me, as an individual, that will work against me in a relationship or in my marriage, help me to deal with and do away with them, by the help of Your Spirit, in Jesus name!

Memory Verse: Proverbs 19:14_ "House and land are handed down from parents, but a congenial spouse comes straight from GOD." (Message Bible)