

Power

I. Introduction

II. True Stories About Powerful People

A. _____

1. Judges 16:21 (NLT) *So the Philistines captured him and gouged out his eyes. They took him to Gaza, where he was bound with bronze chains and forced to grind grain in the prison.*
2. His weakness was that he couldn't control his _____.
3. Judges 14:1-2 (NLT) ¹*One day when Samson was in Timnah, one of the Philistine women caught his eye. ²When he returned home, he told his father and mother, "A young Philistine woman in Timnah caught my eye. I want to marry her. Get her for me."*
4. Judges 16:1 (NLT) *One day Samson went to the Philistine town of Gaza and spent the night with a prostitute.*
5. Judges 16:4 (NLT) *Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek.*

B. _____

1. Matthew 26:33 (NLT) *Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you."*
2. Matthew 26:74-75 (NLT) ⁷⁴*Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know the man!" And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he went away, weeping bitterly.*

C. _____

1. John 19:10 (NLT) *"Why don't you talk to me?" Pilate demanded. "Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?"*
2. Luke 23:22-24 (NLT) ²²*For the third time he demanded, "Why? What crime has he committed? I have found no reason to sentence him to death. So I will have him flogged, and then I will release him." ²³But the mob shouted louder and louder, demanding that Jesus be crucified, and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate sentenced Jesus to die as they demanded.*

III. How Do You Access God's "Internal Power"?

A. You have to, first of all, _____ you need _____!

1. Psalm 38:4, 22 (NLT) ⁴*My guilt overwhelms me—it is a burden too heavy to bear. ²²Come quickly to help me, O Lord my savior.*

B. _____ some _____ that deal with the areas you need help in!

1. Mouth – Psalm 141:3, Proverbs 21:23
2. _____ – Proverbs 4:25, Job 31:1, Psalm 101:3
3. Fear of man – Proverbs 29:25
4. _____ – (in general) II Timothy 1:7
5. Temptation – I Corinthians 10:13
6. Philippians 4:13 (NAS) *I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*
7. I've never been able to do this without the strength of the _____ of _____ present in the forefront of my mind.

IV. Conclusion