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Lesson 03 Victory in Defeat

Year C – 1st Quarter

Power Point
Victory is a gift from God, not a product of our strength.

Power Text
"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"
1 Corinthians 15:57 NIV

FTWTF means: Find The Word That Fits

Across

- "Help me, please," Samson called out to the boy who had been assigned to lead him from the prison to the temple. "I am tired, & I want to rest against the ____." The boy led the shuffling Samson to where he could lean evenly against two of the central _____. He closed his eyes & prayed again.
- [Friday's lesson] Read 2 Corinthians 12:9. Go back to your Bible study journal & ____ what you think God would say in a letter back to you.
- Now he was sitting here, getting a little rest. Ever since the Philistines had learned of his vow to God & had shaved his _____, he had been blindly grinding grain in a prison in Gaza.
- FTWTF - Title
- Samson knew he had started making bad choices. In his choice of friends & _____ he went against the wishes of his parents, who pleaded with him.
- A well-built but sad-looking man slumped against one of the walls in the _____ of Dagon. The city was Gaza.
- "Dear God," he prayed, "when You made me strong, I thought I could do anything I wanted. I thought I was strong. But I could not defeat the Philistines, because I misused the strength You gave me. They have defeated me. Please, God, use my weak & broken body one more time. Win one last victory to show that You are God. I will gladly die with the enemy."
- Slowly these choices had become more important to him than the work God was doing through him. Before he knew it he was here, _____ & helpless, a slave to his enemies. And since they had been able to capture him, the Philistines were convinced that their god was more powerful than his.

Down

- FTWTF - Power Point
- Samson could hear them on the rooftop. The young people liked to climb up onto the flat rooftop & watch the festivities in the courtyard below. At least 3,000 would crowd onto the _____ on a night like this.
- The entire temple shook as the walls collapsed. All the people on the roof, & the roof itself, caved in on the rest of the people below. Rulers & people alike, along with Samson, were buried in the _____ ruins.
- [Thursday's lesson] Read Zechariah 4:6. Write a letter to God in your Bible study journal telling Him how you think this lesson applies to your life. Samson was _____ by the Philistines for a while. What do you feel _____ by? Close your letter with the power text.
- FTWTF - Power Text