Lesson 03 Victory in Defeat

2. "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.

3. [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.

5. 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.

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9. 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.

11. A well-built but sad-looking man slumped against one of the walls in the ____ of Dagon. The city was Gaza.

12. "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."

13. 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.

4. 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.

7. 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.

8. [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.

10. FTWTF - Power Text

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