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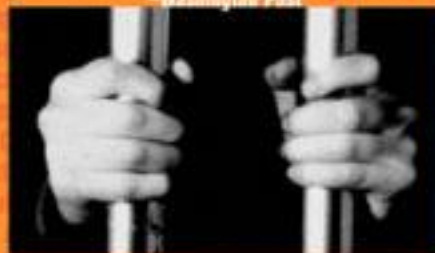
The Legendary Documentary Film By Arnold Shapiro

SCARED STRAIGHT!

It took going behind bars to keep them out.

“Powerful and Gripping.”

—*Washington Post*



Today:

I see a pattern!

Sin cycles: why they happen and
what *Jesus* can do about them.



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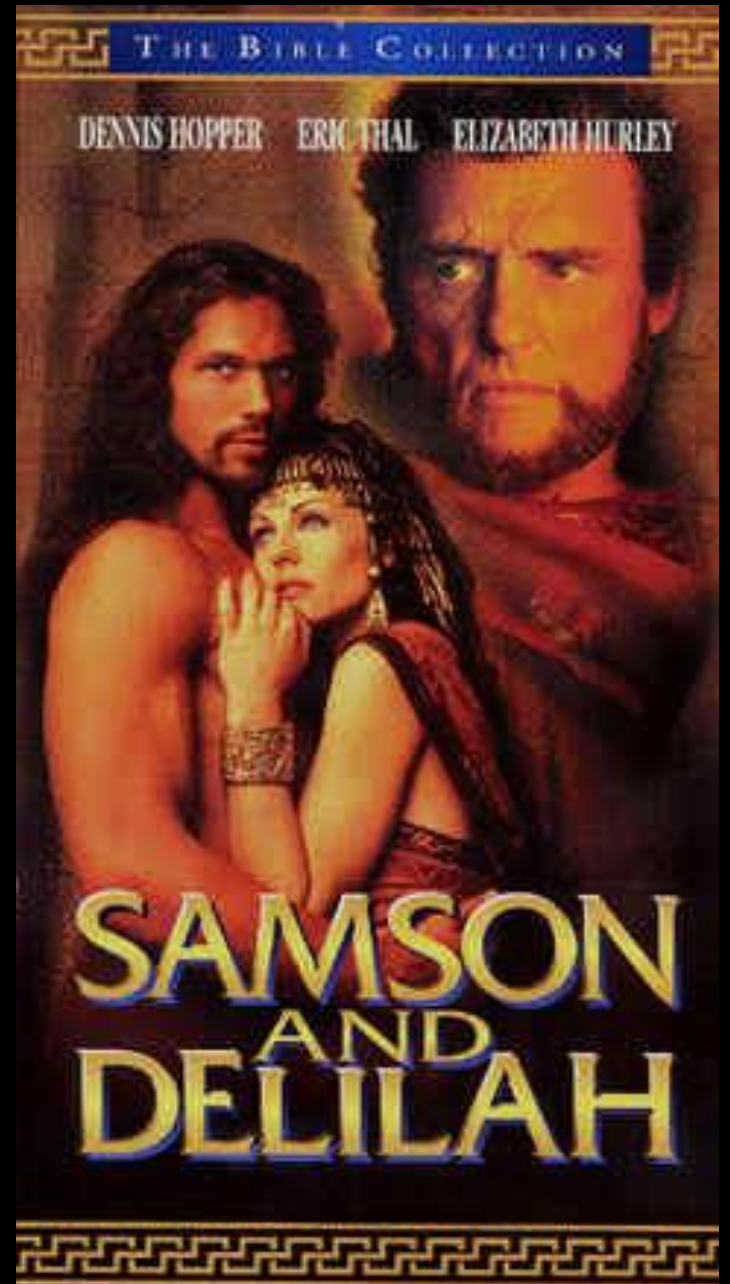


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GIDEON



Deborah





“But if **serving** the Lord seems **undesirable** to you, then **choose** for yourselves this day whom you will **serve**, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the **Euphrates**, or the gods of the **Amorites**, in whose land you are living. **But as for me** and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua 24: 15

*“...everyone did what was right in
his own eyes.”*

Josh. 21:25b

Forget and forsake
the Lord

300
years

Trouble
&
Pain

Cry out to the Lord
Judge given

Rest
&
Peace

1. Israel goes through spiritual cycles.

2. The cycles get worse.

3. Israel longs for lasting victory, freedom and faithfulness.

“I don't really understand myself, **for I want to do what is right**, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate.” Romans 7:25

“You were running such a good race. Who cut in on you and is **keeping** you from **obeying the truth**?” Gal. 5:7



What cycle might
you be in?



Worldliness?



**Sins of the
tongue?**



**Bitterness or
Unforgiveness?**



Anger?

Envy?



**Lack of
self control?**




Discontentment?



Ungodliness?

1. We go through spiritual cycles.
2. Our cycles can get worse.
3. We long for lasting victory, freedom and faithfulness.



Samuel

“In those days Israel had no **king**;
everyone did what was right in
his own eyes.”

Judg. 21:25



David

“We need something better than a human judge or human king; we need something more permanent than a leader who dies; we need someone who brings deliverance of soul, as well as body.”

Tim Keller



“The time has come. **THE KINGDOM OF GOD**
is at hand. Repent and believe!”

Mark 1:15

“I will not leave you as
orphans; I will come to you...

and we will come to them and
make our **home** in them.”

John 14:18,23

Cycles get broken through continual
relationship with, **recognition** of, and
submission to **KING** Jesus.

“Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God and ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what He is doing. And God isn’t pleased at being ignored.

But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him.”

E.Peterson

Following self leads to cycles,
following King Jesus leads to...



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