



## Making It to the Hall

Hebrews 11:32-34 (NIV)

*And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.*

Judges 16:20-30 (NIV)

*Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the Lord had left him. <sup>21</sup> Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding grain in the prison. <sup>22</sup> But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved. <sup>23</sup> Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, "Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands." <sup>24</sup> When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying, "Our god has delivered our enemy into our hands, the one who laid waste our land and multiplied our slain." <sup>25</sup> While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. When they stood him among the pillars, <sup>26</sup> Samson said to the servant who held his hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them." <sup>27</sup> Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. <sup>28</sup> Then Samson prayed to the Lord, "Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." <sup>29</sup> Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, <sup>30</sup> Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived.*

### 1. Identify the pillars in your life. (Psalm 139:23-24)

At some point you must decide whether you want to be a toy in the hand of the enemy or a tool in the Hand of God!

- With our pillars we must choose repentance over remorse.

### 2. Call on the Lord! (Judges 16:28)

- You will never find yourself in a pit where God can't hear you! (Jonah 2:1-2)

### 3. Push on the pillars!

- Christian life is more than disciplined obedience but it isn't less. (Philippians 2:12)

*Pushing on the pillars means I will:*

- Get up.
- Show up.
- Change up.

Minor League Attitudes:

1. I want it \_\_\_\_\_!
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ it!
3. I can \_\_\_\_\_ it!

Major League Attitudes:

1. I want \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I deserve \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I can't handle \_\_\_\_\_ without God.

### 4. Die to self daily.

- Dying to self is coming to the realization that you are not the main character in the story.
- Believe your greatest victories lie ahead.
- Even in our failures, God can still accomplish His purposes.