

“Meltdown - The Life of Samson”

Judges 17:6 *In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.*
NIV

Samson’s sin cycle ...

1. Positioning. I place myself in situations **where I know that I shouldn’t be.**
2. Experimentation. I believe that I can satisfy my desires **without getting hurt.**
3. Self-deception. Even though I’m sinning, **I’m still in control.**
4. Meltdown. I have the stunning realization that **an area of my life is completely out of control.**
5. Consequences. I suffer **pain and shame** because of my sin addiction.

1 Cor 6:18 *18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.*
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Life lessons ...

The Good: Samson genuinely **believed in God.**

The Bad: Samson was motivated by **lust and personal vengeance** as much as trying to honor God.

The Ugly: Disgraced, he **kills himself and a host of others.**