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Let's take a moment to introduce ourselves. I'll begin and then call on each person in turn. Make sure to unmute your microphone before you speak. If you wish, you may give a one-sentence statement of your reason for attending this meeting.

The Path

We in the Samson Society have been set upon a Path,
a way of living that leads to godliness and freedom.

Here is the description of that Path as it is given in our Charter.





The Path

- Believing The Fact, I surrender to God in simple faith — making no promises, but merely asking for His aid
- I start attending meetings of the Society, and from its members I select a Silas, a trustworthy traveling companion for this stretch of the road.
- In honest detail, I describe to God and to my Silas the course and consequences of my attempts to live apart from God.
- Encouraged by my Silas and others, I develop the daily disciplines of prayer, study and self-examination. I abandon self-help, asking God instead to do for me what I cannot do for myself.
- I choose to trust the Body of Christ, weighing the wisdom of my friends when facing decisions and seeking their strength when confronted by temptation.
- When I can do so without injuring anyone, I make amends for damage I have caused. If direct amends are impossible or inadvisable, I demonstrate my repentance in other ways.
- I offer myself as a Silas to others. Each day I ask God for the grace to seek His kingdom rather than my own, to serve those He places in my path rather than serving myself.



Topic

We have now reached the sharing portion of our meeting. In sharing, we speak honestly out of our own experience. We tell the truth about ourselves, knowing that our brothers will listen to us in love and will hold whatever we say in **strictest confidence**. We try to keep our comments brief, taking care to leave plenty of time for others. We address our statements to the group as a whole rather than directing them toward any one person. We make straightforward personal statements, saying "I do" or "I think," for example, rather than talking vaguely about "you" or "we." As a rule, we refrain from giving advice to others or instructing them during the meeting, believing that such conversations are best reserved for private moments between friends.

The suggested topic today is:



Suggested Topic List:

- Abandoning self-help
- Acceptance
- Adulthood
- Adventure
- Advice
- Anger
- Anxiety
- Argument
- Arousal Template
- Asking for God's aid
- Beauty
- Betrayal
- Blame
- Blindness
- Bravery
- Certainty
- Chaos
- Clarity
- Communication
- Comparison
- Competition
- Compromise
- Confession
- Confidentiality
- Confrontation
- Confusion
- Consequences
- Contentment
- Control
- Counsel
- Courage
- Creativity
- Criticism
- Daily disciplines
- Deceit
- Decision-making
- Defeat
- Defensiveness
- Delight
- Demonstrating repentance
- Denial
- Desire
- Destructiveness
- Determination
- Devotion
- Disappointment
- Disclosure
- Dishonesty
- Distraction
- Education
- Encouragement
- Enemies
- Enlightenment
- Envy
- Epigenetics
- Escape
- Family
- Fantasy
- Father
- Fatigue
- Fear
- Fighting
- Foolishness
- Forgetfulness
- Forgiveness
- Freedom
- Friendship
- Fulfillment
- Gambling
- Gender role
- Generosity
- Gentleness
- Goals
- Goodness
- Grace
- Gratitude
- Greed
- Grief
- Happiness
- Hatred
- Healing
- Heroes
- Holiness
- Honesty
- Hope
- Humility
- Hunger
- Identity
- Injuries
- Insanity
- Integrity
- Intimacy
- Intoxication
- Isolation
- Joy
- Kindness
- Knowledge
- Laughter
- Learning
- Liberty
- Listening
- Living apart from God
- Longing
- Loss
- Love
- Lust
- Lying
- Making amends
- Making no promises
- Masculinity
- Medication
- Meditation
- Memory
- Mission
- Mistakes
- Mother
- Nature
- Neediness
- Obedience
- Over-compensation
- Patience
- Peace
- Perfection
- Persistence
- Polarity
- Posture
- Power
- Powerlessness
- Prayer
- Pride
- Progress
- Promises
- Provision
- Quietness
- Quitting
- Rage
- Reconciliation
- Recreation
- Regret
- Resentment
- Resilience
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Resurrection
- Rest
- Revelation
- Righteousness
- Risk
- Romance
- Sacrifice
- Sadness
- Same-sex attraction
- Sanity
- Secrets
- Seeking God's kingdom
- Self-Care
- Self-Centeredness
- Self-Discipline
- Selfishness
- Self-sufficiency
- Servanthood
- Service
- Sex
- Shame
- Simple faith
- Solitude
- Spirit
- Stealing
- Stewardship
- Strength
- Surrender
- Teamwork
- Temptation
- Tenderness
- The wisdom of friends
- Tolerance
- Toughness
- Transparency
- Trust
- Trusting the body of Christ
- Trustworthy companions
- Truth
- Unbelief
- Understanding
- Vision
- Weakness
- Willingness
- Wisdom
- Women
- Worry
- Worship
- Wounds
- Other: _____



Announcements

The formal part of our meeting is now coming to a close, but you are encouraged to reach out to anyone in this group for follow-up conversations. One of the easiest ways to do that is through Slack.

Here is the link to join Slack:

<https://bit.ly/samson-slack>

The Samson app, which is available as a free download from the Apple App Store or the Android Play Store, is a great connectivity tool to reach out to an Available Pirate Monk when you are in crisis and need to talk to someone right away.

Samson House is an independent, nonprofit organization committed to nurturing the growth and health of the Samson Society, and provides these meetings free of charge. Samson House is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. You may donate to Samson House, you may do so by clicking the "Donate" button in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage at samsonsociety.com. In the US, this gift is tax deductible.



Announcements

You can also support Samson House by making a donation using Text-2-give (text a \$<**dollar amount**> and the word **SamsonHouse** to 719-722-3545).

If you purchase from Amazon, you can also use smile.amazon.com and designate Samson House as your charity of choice to donate a portion of your purchases.

Samson also offers support for the women in our lives who have been impacted by our choices. This support is provided through weekly virtual meetings just like we are doing. If she is interested in more information, please have her visit SarahSociety.com

Are there any other Samson-related announcements?



Silas Invitation

As valuable as they are, these meetings are no substitute for daily Christian friendship. Just as our Lord's first disciples were sent into the world two-by-two, we also should look for at least one Christian companion, a fellow-traveler and advisor with whom to share this stretch of the road. We call this person a Silas.

Everyone needs a Silas, and anyone can be a Silas. The trouble is, it's sometimes hard to find a Silas. We are making that process easier by connecting men with an Available Temporary Silas. If you are willing to be matched as an Available Temporary Silas, fill out a short form and record a brief into video message for men needing a fellow-traveler. Login to the Samson Website and go to the Getting Started page to get started.



Silas Invitation

The helper we select will be flawed and weak, like we are, but will nonetheless be willing to hear our story, protect our confidence and talk with us frequently. We will walk together by mutual consent, gracefully accepting the fact that relationships change over time and that few relationships are permanent. Love, honesty and humility are our watchwords. When you check-in with your Silas, you should plan to share what you are feeling, thinking, doing, and thinking of doing.

Reaching out to members of this meeting in the chat or to other guys on Slack are easy ways to ask anyone to serve as your Silas. You can also set your Slack status to “Need a Silas” to let others know that you are looking.

Are there any questions about the Silas relationship? If anyone in this meeting is available to be a Silas, would you please raise your hand to indicate that for others here.

Before we close, let us reaffirm the Pact under which our Society operates.



The Pact

- God is the sole owner of the Samson Society and its only authority. No member may speak for the entire society.
- All members of the Society are equals, friends and fellow servants, bound by love and honor. No member may command the obedience of another.
- The Society owns no property, collects no dues or fees, pays no salaries, incurs no debts.
- The Society is an extension of the Church Universal. It is not a corporate entity and can make no contracts with congregations, denominations, causes or campaigns, regardless of their merit.
- Any two or more persons who believe the Fact, who agree to follow this Path and join this Pact, may initiate a meeting of the Samson Society.
- We hold in **strictest confidence** any personal information shared by other members, unless permission to divulge it is given by any whom its disclosure might affect.
- Members are fully authorized to create and distribute, freely or for profit, personal explanations and applications of the Society's principles — if they neither alter nor violate its Charter and do not prohibit others from copying their work.



Closing Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Let's close with a word of thanks to our Heavenly Father, followed by a recitation of the prayer that Jesus taught us

- Closing Prayer
- Reading of the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.