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**Sermon – That’s messed up.**

**Scripture – See References below**

**Main Message – Turns out that we are like even the heroes of the Bible – we are all flawed, and God saves us all**

In today’s vernacular, if I say, “That’s messed up!” you know what I mean right? That is just totally weird or out of bounds of normality, or why in the HELL would they say, do, act like that. The Bible is filled with stories of this. Here are a few.

Abraham telling Pharaohs/Kings that Sarah is his sister. **Read Gen 12 & 20**

How do you make sense of this craziness. Well, we weren’t there and God didn’t seem to punish Abraham for doing this. God protected Sarah and hence Abraham from having any issues, but still. Deeper study into available genealogy and such yields little. This may be Abraham’s fabrication to save himself trusting God’s promise to make a nation out of him. That’s messed up. Turns out, Abraham was flawed just like the rest of us.

Samson and Delilah Relationship – **Read Judges 16** Well we all know of Samson and Delilah. What a messed up relationship. Studying those together is a study of dysfunction. Samson was a judge of Israel. He had superhuman strength such that he punished the philistines and embarrassingly so in such a manner that they hated him. By the way, Samson had been married years, messed around with a Harlot and then got involved with Delilah, who name means “languishing or weakened.” Lies, and lies and playing with fire and Samson was corrupted by a philistine woman. That’s messed up. Turns out Samson was flawed just like the rest of us.

King David kills to get Bathsheba **Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11** – Wow, you are king of Israel. You can slay Giants as a boy. You see a naked girl, conveniently located outside your house; lust kicks in, you father a child, try to hide it by having Uriah impregnate his wife, but he won’t, so you conspire with others to have Uriah killed. That’s messed up. Turns out King David was flawed just like the rest of us.

The Apostle Peter Denies Christ – **Read Mathew 26:31-35 69-75-** Peter who had been traveling with Christ, learning from him, walked on water a bit, and is told by Jesus himself that Peter would deny him before the cock crowed actually did it when folks confronted him. After all this time with Jesus and his BRAVADO he utterly failed. That’s messed up. Turns out the Apostle Peter was flawed just like the rest of us.