

Life is a Highway – RPM
Video – Sports bike in tunnel

After Video Pastor comes out on Sports BIKE

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Intro:

Judges 14:1 (MSG)

A. Samson – a young unmarried man “A woman has just caught his eye”

1. The chemistry started flowing, The hearts a beating, the RPM’s are revving.
2. It can be the beginning of the end for many.
3. BUT THERE’S AN ATTRACTION.
4. YOU WANT TO GET TO KNOW THAT GIRL OR GUY.

5. AND EVERYTHING IN YOU SAYS - GREEN LIGHT – GO GO GO GO GO

R-RELATIONSHIP – GREEN LIGHT

Meaning: The state of being mutually interested or involved

IN MY DAD AND MOMS DAY IT WAS CALLED COURTING OR COURTSHIP

Meaning: To try to gain favor; the act of courting or wooing.

WHAT DOES WOOING MEAN

Meaning: To try to gain the love of; to solicit; to try to gain or bring about.

A. NO MATTER IF YOU CALL IT RELATIONSHIP, DATING, COURTING, WOOING, IT ALL MEANS THE SAME THING

1. But the worst thing you could do is fall deeply infatuated with that person before you get to know them.

ILL: Has anybody ever said to you. “THIS IS THE ONE I JUST KNOW THIS IS IT” after the first date.

2. Relationship time should be all about getting to know each other and not letting your emotions get carried away.
3. And it’s not just for the two to get to know each other but it’s for friends and family also.

P – PASION – YELLOW LIGHT - [Have audience say what it means]

A. Passion is a very delicate thing in as a relationship is building.

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1. Because PASSION IS DRIVEN BY NORMALLY 1 OF 3 THINGS IN THE BEGINNING.

LUST, INFATUATION, OR DESPERATION NOT TO BE ALONE

B. God has created in every person RPM's – Means: Revolutions Per Minute

1. When we're interested in that special person the RPM's start to rev.
2. The passion becomes strong towards that person.
3. BUT DURING THE RELATIONSHIP TIME YOU SHOULD KEEP THE YELLOW LIGHT ON. WHICH MEANS?
4. YIELD, LOOK BOTH WAYS, BE CARE, SLOW DOWN.

C. On a motorcycle there's a RPM GAUGE

Video – Pic of RPM GAUGE

1. The more you keep that gauge in the red you're going to damage that engine.
2. On a motorcycle it's called a **REV LIMITOR**
3. When you're pushing that engine more then you should the engine will start slowing down, before you create damage to the engine.

D. And that's the same thing that the Lord Jesus Christ is trying to do in your life.

1. He's saying, "STOP YOUR IN THE RED YOUR GOING TO DAMAGE YOUR LIFE"
2. He's pushing that Yellow light – SLOW DOWN, YIELD, LOOK BOTH WAYS

E. SAMSOM PASSION WAS TOTALLY SPEEDING OUT OF CONTROL.

Judges 14:1-2 (MSG)

1. Samson became so infatuated with this beautiful Philistine girl that he wanted to marry her.
2. That as soon as he returned home, he demanded that his parents arrange the marriage.

ILL: I WOULD HAVE SAID - SON YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN

SAMSON'S PASSION GOT OUT OF CONTROL

IT LEAD HIM DOWN THE WRONG HIGHWAY

THAT LEADS US TO:

M – MESS UP OR MAKE IT – RED LIGHT

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A. Everything about this relationship with Samson is saying STOP.

1. It was the Jewish custom for the parents to arrange the marriage or have a strong voice in it.
2. Samson was living by sight and not by faith. He was being driven by "the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes," not by love for the LORD.
3. He was disobeying the Word of the LORD, breaking the commandments of God.

Deuteronomy 7:3-4 (NIV)

B. Samson thought that he knew what was better for him than God HIMSELF.

1. His parent's tried to reason with him and failed.

Judges 14:3-4 (NIV)

2. One thing parents you never do is try to reason with your son or daughter.
3. When it's going against the word of God and everything that you feel is wrong.
4. **YOU PUT THE RED LIGHT ON.**

C. Some people might say, "According to verse 4 the parents didn't know what they were talking about."

Judges 14:4

1. Understand, God would never go against His own commandments for His people.
2. So God used SAMSON'S mistake for GOOD.
3. He destroyed many Philistine's all because SAMSON made the wrong decision.

ILL: Some might say, "if I make a mistake then God will use it for good"

D. Understand SAMSON's Mistake didn't end there he kept making them over and over again until he made his final mess up with DELILAH, then shortly after that he died.

1. SAMSON never learned how to have a good Godly relationship with a woman.
2. Because he walked by sight not by faith.