

Sermon Title: **“DELILAH THE DECEIVER”**

Judges 16:1-14

- We're NOT sure why Samson was in Gaza, but while he was there, a harlot caught his attention
 - Trusting in Jesus means surrendering ALL our broken pieces into His capable hands
- While Samson is inside with the harlot word spreads
 - So these men wait outside for morning to break & then they were going to attack Samson
 - We're NOT sure exactly how, but Samson became aware of this plan & at midnight Samson goes to the city gate (to remove it)
 - Removing a cities' doors (in the East) was a very big insult. It was a sign or a symbol of your defeat
- It says that Samson “loved a woman” ... named Delilah
 - One commentator even surmises that Delilah might have been a temple prostitute
 - Samson becomes infatuated with Delilah & Delilah's love of money entices her to set a trap for Samson
- Samson's lack of self-control & his poor discernment had left him going to places he shouldn't & putting himself in dangerous positions
- ISN'T it interesting that Samson avoids the first part of Delilah's question – “Where's your strength come from?”
- A 3rd time Delilah feeling deceived (how ironic) inquires how would someone bind such a strong man?
- SO WHAT?
 - 1) What's our life reflecting? Can others clearly see the Source?
 - 2) What leads us? What motivates us? (the Spirit or the Self?)