



Judges:

Coulda

Shoulda

But Didn't



# Judges 16:1-14







DELILIAH  
THE DECEIVER



# Judges 16:1-2

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





# Judges 16:3

We're not exactly sure 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





Judges 16:4-5

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





# Judges 16:6

Samson's lack of self-control  
& his poor discernment had  
left him going to places he  
shouldn't & putting himself in  
dangerous positions





# Judges 16:7

Isn't it interesting that Samson avoids the first part of Delilah's question -  
“Where's your strength come from?”





Judges 16:8-9

Judges 16:10-11

Judges 16:12

Judges 16:13





A third time, Delilah  
feeling deceived, (how  
ironic) inquires how  
would someone bind such  
a strong man?

Judges 16:14





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?)

Proverbs 14:12

