



Judges:

Coulda

Shoulda

But Didn't

Judges 16:15-22





HEARTBREAKS
& HAIRCUTS

Judges 16:1-2

When we open verse 15
there have already been
3 other inquires & attempts
to bind Samson.



Judges 16:15

After the 1st 3 attempts failed, Delilah questions Samson's love for her



Samson was physically
attracted to Delilah &
sinfully acted upon that
attraction outside of the
marriage covenant



Samson unfortunately
made a habit of feeding
his impulses



Judges 16:16

Delilah hounded & pestered
& persisted until Samson
wished he was dead



Judges 16:17

Completely unaware of the
catastrophic consequences,
Samson opens up & tells
Delilah the source of
his strength



Samson was strong
because of God



I personally think the
ONLY remaining piece to
the Nazirite vow that was
left was the **ONLY** remaining
piece Samson shared
(his hair)



Judges 16:18

Recognizing Samson's honesty,
Delilah gathers the lords of the
Philistines (who might have
been getting frustrated with
ALL the false alarms)



Judges 16:19

Delilah lulls Samson to a place of comfort & while he slumbered, Delilah summons a soldier to shave Samson's 7 locks of hair



“She began to afflict him”
= Delilah humbled Samson
(she brought him low)



Judges 16:20

Such a sad statement –
“But Samson **DIDN'T**
know that the Lord had
departed him.”



Judges 16:21

Seizing the opportunity, the Philistines capture Samson & as an act of revenge for the rash rage-filled attacks upon their people, Samson's eyes are gouged out



Samson was brought back
down to Gaza & forced to
pull a heavy grinding stone
(the lowest form of
humiliation - reserved for
animals & slaves)



Judges 16:22

There's forgiveness &
restoration available to
those who ask the Lord



SO WHAT?

