

**Series Character Matters****Passage** Judges 16:4-16**Title** Dealing with Delilah's**Speaker:** Dave Menard 02/26/2017

Discussion Starter: This Sunday we observe that Samson is continuing on his downward spiral of giving in to his own fleshly desires. What are some of the things you would expect to see written about Samson's life if he truly lived a life separated to God?

Our Relationships must be under the Lordship of Jesus (Judges 16:4-5)

- Shortly after sleeping with a harlot Samson is now in love with a women named Delilah. It seems that Samson has given up on the institution of marriage after his first failed attempt. We know that there is nothing wrong with falling in love. God loves marriage because He created it. The problem with Samson is he did not separate himself to God as he should have...and this included his relationships. As Christians why is it so important that our relationships be under the Lordship of Jesus Christ? Explain what this means in your own words.
- Everyone has their weaknesses, Samson's was lust and Delilah's was money. We know that God has put His moral law in us so that we can understand good and bad. It is so easy for us to point out and see the bad in others and yet we seem to be blinded to or find ways to justify our own sin. Our "Delilahs" are anything that seduces us to sin. In what ways do we justify our Delilahs? And how does this nullify or compartmentalize the Lordship of Jesus in our life?

Sin Blinds (Judges 16:6-21; Galatians 6:7-8; Proverbs 6:26-28)

- Samson is playing games and he is wasting his gifting by being in an unhealthy relationship with Delilah. He is putting fun and games above God. Have you ever been in or have been tempted to get into an unhealthy relationship? How do the truths in Galatians 6:7-8 apply to unhealthy relationships?
- What parallels are there between Proverbs 6:26-28 and the life of Samson? Like Samson, if we allow our Delilahs to seduce us, what are the things we give up?

Solution Take a Stand for Jesus- Drive out our Delilah's (Romans 13:14)

- God allows us to be tested to see if we value Him. What are some of the more deceptive Delilahs in your life? According to Romans 13:14 it says we are to put on the LORD Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Explain in your own words what it means as a Christian to put on the LORD Jesus Christ?

Don't Leave the Door Open for Sin (Matthew 7:13-14)

- 1. Samson did not make a stand for God. 2. He compartmentalized his life. 3. He did not drive out the Delilahs and 4. He played games with God. As a result Samson became a blind slave...going around in circles like a beast of burden in a grain mill. Samson forgot who he was and Who's he was. As Christians we are called to enter in by the narrow gate (Matthew 7:13-14). How does these verses apply to Samson's life and how does they apply to us?