

RIGHT IN THE EYE
Pt. 5 – SAMSON (continued)
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Judges 13:5 (NIV)

No razor may be used on his head, because the boy is to be a **Nazirite, set apart to God from birth...**"

Judges 16:1 (NIV)

One day Samson went to Gaza, where he saw a prostitute. He went in to spend the night with her.

**If he can't afford to marry you,
He can't afford you.
You are worth affording.**

**God designed your body
as the dessert,
NOT the appetizer.**

DELILAH

CAN A MAN BE THIS STUPID?

Judges 16:4-22 (NIV)

^[4] Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah.

^[5] The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, "See if you can **lure** him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and **subdue** him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver."

^[6] So Delilah said to Samson, "**Tell me the secret of your great strength and how you can be tied up and subdued.**"

^[7] Samson answered her, "**If anyone ties me with seven fresh bowstrings that have not been dried, I'll become as weak as any other man.**"

[10] Then Delilah said to Samson, **"You have made a fool of me; you lied to me. Come now, tell me how you can be tied."**

[11] He said, "If anyone ties me securely with **new ropes** that have never been used, I'll become as weak as any other man."

[13] Delilah then said to Samson, **"Until now, you have been making a fool of me and lying to me. Tell me how you can be tied."** He replied, **"If you weave the seven braids of my head into the fabric [on the loom] and tighten it with the pin,** I'll become as weak as any other man."

[15] Then she said to him, **"How can you say, 'I love you,' when you won't confide in me?** This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven't told me the secret of your great strength."

[16] **With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death.**

[17] So he told her everything. "No razor has ever been used on my head," he said, "because I have been a Nazirite set apart to God since birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man."

[18] When Delilah saw that he had told her everything, she sent word to the rulers of the Philistines, "Come back once more; he has told me everything." So the rulers of the Philistines returned with the silver in their hands.

[19] **Having put him to sleep on her lap, she called a man to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him.** And his strength left him.

[20] Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." **But he did not know that the LORD had left him.**

[21] Then the Philistines seized him, **gouged out his eyes** and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding in the prison.

[22] But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.