

JUDGES CHAPTER 16

Read the Story (Judges 16:1-31)

Judges 16:1-3

In what ways does Samson's decision to be with a prostitute put him into other compromising positions that don't have anything to do with sexual sin? ▪

In what ways do you need to see a bigger picture when you are tempted to do your own thing and be on your own agenda?

Judges 16:4-14

How would you explain why Samson continues to engage with Delilah when he should have clearly seen that her heart was not with him in any way?

▪ How can we avoid following our own hearts and being blinded to the destructiveness of our own decisions?

Judges 16:15-22

In the English Standard Version, it says that Samson told Delilah "all his heart" in verses 17 & 18

What is the significance of this?

▪ What does Proverbs 4:23 say about guarding your heart and how can you and I go about doing this?

Read Proverbs 7:6-27 (concentrate on verses 25-27)

How is this young buck similar to Samson?

Judges 16:23-31

What is tragic and significant about Samson's end?

What can we learn about God through the story of Samson?

How can we avoid falling into the some of the same traps as Samson when it comes to his arrogance and pride?