**New Vision International Ministries**

6 Am Prayer Guide

February. 8 - February 14, 2021

***Pillow Talk***

**Monday 2/8 Day 39**

**Judges 16:19-20 (NLT)**

**19Delilah lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down, and his strength left him.**

**20Then she cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!”**

**When he woke up, he thought, “I will do as before and shake myself free.” But he didn’t realize the Lord had left him.**

**Devotion:**

Samson was born to live according to the Nazarite vow. The vow meant he could not cut his hair; No eating fruit of the vine (grapes or wine); No contact with dead things (animals or people). Samson has supernatural strength to be used by God but he was not exempt from the temptations that lead to sin. Today we are called to God’s plan and purpose not because we are perfect. As God desires to use us for His glory, we must guard the anointing and beware of the enemies devices. He fears the call on your life and will do whatever possible to thwart the plan of God and render you powerless to rattle his kingdom of darkness. You must remember he fears you and your ability to advance the kingdom of God which diminishes his effectiveness and power over you. His attempt to bring temptations start with yielding your ear to his voice. It starts with what we will call pillow talk. Be careful of the sweet tempting words that sound enticing but hidden with all kinds of schemes and traps. Is it possible that we can still function in our calling but with out the power and anointing.

**Tuesday. 2/9 Day 40**

**1 John 2:16-17 (NASB)**

**16For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.**

**17The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.**

**Devotion:**

We can conclude that God used Samson inspite of his issues. He had two major problems which led to his downfall and can lead us in the same path. His two issues were lust and Pride.

**Lust is an intense desire for a particular something or someone.** The temptations of the flesh are sex, money, and power. Wow! lets be clear, this is all around and we can learn a lot from Samsons life. We can find ourselves lusting for material wealth to the point we will turn our heart away from God and pursue our own passions. Be absolutely certain this will pull us away from our relationship with God. In todays world, social media, advertising, movies are so filled with temptations of lust that we must have a strong conviction to fight against what is persistently trying to take us out. As we endeavor to do the will of the Father, we also must confront and pull down those things which bring temptation to sin. You know what? It starts with our eyes and we can make the mistake of committing sin just by what we see. Ask God to purify your eyes to see only as He sees and you can guard lusting after what your eyes see. We must remember that any association of the flesh is of the world and doesn’t come from the father.

**Wednesday 2/10 Day 41**

**Judges 16:1-22 (NLT)**

**16 One day Samson went to the Philistine town of Gaza and spent the night with a prostitute. 2Word soon spread[**[**a**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Judges+16&version=NLT#fen-NLT-6928a)**] that Samson was there, so the men of Gaza gathered together and waited all night at the town gates. They kept quiet during the night, saying to themselves, “When the light of morning comes, we will kill him.”**

**#1 – On the other side of temptation is a trap.**

Devotion:

When we are distracted, or something or someone has caught our attention through lust and pride, we can’t discern. The enemy loves to set us up. He has studied our weakness and knows exactly what will carry us away from God’s plan. On the other side of temptation is a trap and it design again is take your weakness and use it against you. Delilah was tempted by money to destroy Samson at any cost. The enemy knew her weakness as well. Samson had every opportunity to avoid yielding to the temptation. But his flesh had greater dominion then his spirit. Today we must always guard our hearts, be sensitive to the warning signs that let us know. We must see the sign that says Stop, don’t go any further. The Holy Spirit would never have us unaware of the enemies devices but if we have been tempted by flesh our sensitivity is dull.

**James 1:14-16 (NASB)**

**14But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. 15Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin [**[**p**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+1&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30282p)**]is accomplished, it brings forth death. 16Do not be [**[**q**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+1&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30283q)**]deceived, my beloved brethren.**

**Thursday 2/11 Day 42**

**Sometime later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek.**

**5The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, “Entice Samson to tell you what makes him so strong and how he can be overpowered and tied up securely. Then each of us will give you 1,100 pieces of silver.”**

**#2 – Don’t mistake affection for allegiance.**

Samsons affection and love for Delilah was pretty strait forward but Delilah was motivated for power and money. She was motivated with other intentions She was in covenant with the enemy to set Samson up for destruction. Today we can mistake affection for allegiance. Eventually it will come out but at what cost to you? Those who are for you can only be distinquished through discernment of the Holy Spirit.

**Friday 2/12. Day 43**

**6So Delilah said to Samson, “Please tell me what makes you so strong and what it would take to tie you up securely.”**

**7Samson replied, “If I were tied up with seven new bowstrings that have not yet been dried, I would become as weak as anyone else.” 8So the Philistine rulers brought Delilah seven new bowstrings, and she tied Samson up with them. 9She had hidden some men in one of the inner rooms of her house, and she cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!” But Samson snapped the bowstrings as a piece of string snaps when it is burned by a fire. So the secret of his strength was not discovered.**

**#3 – Infatuation causes you to ignore warnings.**

**Devotion:**

Delilah’s expressions were so enticing to Samson but wouldn’t it cause you to pause and ask why do you want to tie me up. That right there should have set off an alarm. But pride was in his heart

We can find ourselves loving someone that doesn’t really love us. People can often be opportunists thinking that your influence and alliances can bring them into a place of prominence and once they have arrived at that place they have no more need of the relationship. It so vital to seek the Lord before engaging relationships that produce unholy alliances. The one thing we must realize is that we often get warnings and mixed signals to let us know we need to stop, listen and hear what the Lord is saying. Even when we don’t really have a relationship with the father, theres just something in us that just says red flag.

**Saturday 2/13 Day 44**

**10Afterward Delilah said to him, “You’ve been making fun of me and telling me lies! Now please tell me how you can be tied up securely.”**

**11Samson replied, “If I were tied up with brand-new ropes that had never been used, I would become as weak as anyone else.”**

**12So Delilah took new ropes and tied him up with them. The men were hiding in the inner room as before, and again Delilah cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!” But again Samson snapped the ropes from his arms as if they were thread. 13Then Delilah said, “You’ve been making fun of me and telling me lies! Now tell me how you can be tied up securely.”**

**Devotion**

Samson was so infatuated with Delilah and her words that fed his ego and grandiose demeanor that he became blinded by passion. What so unfortunate is that He couldn’t even see that he was in a cycle of the same sin. Ask God to remove the scales from your eyes when he finds you in the same cycle. We can go through life in and out of relationships with people who look different but actually are of the same spirit.

One of the tactics of the enemy is to persist at temptation until he is either cast out or he wins. We have found ourselves giving in to temptations just because we got tired of the bombardment of the temptation. We make the mistake of giving in failing to realize that our compromise can cost us a lot of pain. pain God never intended. We must submit to God, resist the enemy and he will flee.

**Sunday 2/14 Day 45**

**17Finally, Samson shared his secret with her. “My hair has never been cut,” he confessed, “for I was dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as anyone else.”**

**18Delilah realized he had finally told her the truth, so she sent for the Philistine rulers. “Come back one more time,” she said, “for he has finally told me his secret.” So the Philistine rulers returned with the money in their hands.**

**19Delilah lulled Samson to sleep with his head in her lap, and then she called in a man to shave off the seven locks of his hair. In this way she began to bring him down,[**[**d**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Judges+16&version=NLT#fen-NLT-6945d)**] and his strength left him.**

**20Then she cried out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!”**

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**#4 – Your secrets are not safe with the wrong partner.**

**Devotion:**

It is so vital to guard our heart and the relationships we encounter .be careful where you lay your head Your secrets are not safe with the wrong partner. It so dangerous to entrust our secrets with others who would use it ultimately against you.. But it happens because we didn’t pray and seek the Lord for the people we connect to. Samson was caught up in a cycle. Samson was so strong with physical strength but couldn’t keep his pants up. He continued to repeat and repeat the same sin. His eyes were veiled, he was caught up where he couldnt break free. This is the season of calling, purpose and assignment. Don’t fall for the okie doke. Allow God to build your character so that you wont get stuck in a cycle of sin. Be honest and transparent with God where you really are; God is always willing to bring restoration.