



# THE HIGH COST OF OF LOW LIVING

Judges 16:1-22 | Pastor Doug Hurt









Now Samson went to Gaza and saw a prostitute there, and had relations with her. When it was reported to the Gazites, saying, "Samson has come here," they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. And they kept silent all night, saying, "Let's wait until the morning light, then we kill him." Now Samson lay asleep until midnight, and at midnight he got up and took hold of the doors of the city gate and the two doorposts, and pulled them up along with the bars; then he put them on his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of the mountain which is opposite Hebron.

Judges 16:1-3



**After this it came about that he was in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.**

**Judges 16:4**





**So the governors of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Entice him, and see where his great strength lies and how we can overpower him so that we may bind him to humble him. Then we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver."**

**Judges 16:5**



**So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and how you can be bound to humble you."**

**Judges 16:6**



**And Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh animal tendons that have not been dried, then I will become weak and be like any other man."**

**Judges 16:7**



Then the governors of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh animal tendons that had not been dried, and she bound him with them. Now she had men prepared for an ambush in an inner room. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he tore the tendons to pieces just like a thread of flax is torn apart when it comes to close to the fire. So his great strength was not discovered.

Judges 16:8-9





**When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.**

**Proverbs 11:2**







Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have toyed with me these three times and have not told me where your great strength is." And it came about, when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him, that his soul was annoyed to death. So he told her all that was in his heart and said to her, "A razor has never come on my head, for I have been a Nazarite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will leave me and I will become weak like any other man."

Judges 16:15-17





**When Delilah saw that he had told her all that was in his heart, she sent word and called the governors of the Philistines, saying, "Come up once more, for he has told me all that is in his heart." Then the governors of the Philistines came up to her and brought up the money in their hands. And she made him sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to humble him, and his strength left him. She said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!"**

**And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.**

**Judges 16:18-20**



**Then the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes;  
and they brought him down to Gaza and restrained him  
with bronze chains, and he became a grinder in the prison.**

**Judges 16:21**



However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it was shaved off.

Judges 16:22

