

Stories *RETOLD*

Samson and Delilah

Judges 16:4, 15-23 NIV

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

¹⁵Then 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.”

¹⁶With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was sick to death of it. So he told her everything. “No razor has ever been used on my head,” he said, “because I have been a Nazirite dedicated to God from my mother’s womb. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man.”

*¹⁸When 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. After putting him to sleep on her lap, she called for someone to shave off the seven braids of his hair, and so began to subdue him.
And his strength left him.*

²⁰Then 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. 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 grain in the prison.

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

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Miracle Baby

– Judges 13

A Nazirite

- Judges 13:5;
Numbers 6:1-21

A Judge

- Judges 15:20

*He was a murderer from
the beginning, not holding
to the truth, for there is
not truth in him.*

– John 8:44

*When he lies, he speaks his
native language, for he is a liar
and the father of lies*

- John 8:44

*Submit yourself, then, to God.
Resist the devil, and he will
flee from you.*

- James 4:7

*If you hold to my teaching,
you are really my disciples.
Then you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free.*

- John 8:31-32