

Sinclair Missionary Baptist Church
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Today's Title:
"Signs You Need To Turn Back To God"
Today's Text: Judges 16:4-20 (NLT)

1. Your _____ is a sign you need to turn back to God.
Judges 14:8-9

2. Your _____ is a sign you need to turn back to God.
Judges 16:1,4

3. Your _____ is a sign you need to turn back to God.
Judges 16:6-19

⁴ Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek. ⁵ The 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." ⁶ So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me what makes you so strong and what it would take to tie you up securely." ⁷ Samson replied, "If I were tied up with seven new bowstrings that have not yet been dried, I would become as weak as anyone else." ⁸ So the Philistine rulers brought Delilah seven new bowstrings, and she tied Samson up with them. ⁹ She 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. ¹⁰ Afterward 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." ¹¹ Samson replied, "If I were tied up with brand-new ropes that had never been used, I would become as weak as anyone else." ¹² So 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. ¹³ Then Delilah said, "You've been making fun of me and telling me lies! Now tell me how you can be tied up securely." Samson replied, "If you were to weave the seven braids of my hair into the fabric on your loom and tighten it with the loom shuttle, I would become as weak as anyone else." So while he slept, Delilah wove the seven braids of his hair into the fabric. ¹⁴ Then she tightened it with the loom shuttle. Again she cried out, "Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!" But Samson woke up, pulled back the loom shuttle, and yanked his hair away from the loom and the fabric. ¹⁵ Then Delilah pouted, "How can you tell me, 'I love you,' when you don't share your secrets with me? You've made fun of me three times now, and you still haven't told me what makes you so strong!" ¹⁶ She tormented him with her nagging day after day until he was sick to death of it. ¹⁷ Finally, 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." ¹⁸ Delilah 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. ¹⁹ Delilah 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.

²⁰ Then she cried out, "Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!"