

**The Comeback - March 27, 2016**  
**“There’s Still Hope”**

**1. Temptation leads us to places we don’t belong.**

Some time later, he fell in love with a woman in the Valley of Sorek whose name was Delilah. The rulers of the Philistines went to her and said, “See if you can lure him into showing you the secret of his great strength and how we can overpower him so we may tie him up and subdue him. Each one of us will give you eleven hundred shekels of silver.”

**Judges 16:4-5 (NIV)**

**2. If you Play the game, you’ll Pay the Price.**

Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when your heart is not with me? You have deceived me these three times and have not told me where your great strength is.” 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 Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If I am shaved, then my strength will leave me and I will become weak and be like any *other* man.” When Delilah saw that he had told her all *that was* in his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, “Come up once more, for he has told me all *that is* in his heart.” Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands. She made him sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his hair. Then she began to afflict him, and his strength left him.

**Judges 16:15-19 (NIV)**

**3. There is great danger in living with our eyes shut.**

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

**Judges 16:20-21 (NIV)**

**4. As long as there is breath in our lungs... there’s Hope!**

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

**Judges 16: 22 (NIV)**

It so happened when they were in high spirits, that they said, “Call for Samson, that he may amuse us.” So they called for Samson from the prison, and he entertained them. And they made him stand between the pillars. Then Samson said to the boy who was holding his hand, “Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them.”

**Judges 16:25-26 (NIV)**

**5. Comebacks may require sacrifice... But it will be worth it!**

Then Samson called to the LORD and said, “O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me just this time, O God, that I may at once be avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.” Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and braced himself against them, the one with his right hand and the other with his left. And Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!” And he bent with all his might so that the house fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he killed in his life.

**Judges 16:28-30 (NIV)**

**Announcements:**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - “Walk For Life” Maxine Barrett Park Registration begins at 8:00 AM. Sign up at [www.pswalkforlife.org](http://www.pswalkforlife.org) (Scroll down and click “view all teams” - Choose “Awaken” and Join our Team)

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Baptism at Manasota Beach. 5:00 PM. Please RSVP and Fill out a form - (found on our website). Food, Fun and worship!

April 11<sup>th</sup> - “Fresh Start” - New to Church? Recently Re-committed your heart? Fresh Start is a great place to get started on your faith journey!  
Monday’s @ 6:30 PM 4 weeks Contact: mark.shellymousty@gmail.com