

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT ANDREW TOWE AND *BREAKING THE SPIRIT OF DELILAH*...

Every believer has faced moments of spiritual attack. It is impossible to navigate life and destiny without facing demonic opposition. Sadly, some people have chosen the ineffective “ostrich method” of burying their head in the sand and hoping the devil will just go away! This is silly and a waste of time. The enemy must be discerned, confronted, and expelled with authority!

“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Corinthians 2:11). Satan seeks to gain advantage over the people of God by hiding under the cover of darkness. Prophetic voices uncover and unveil hidden demons and demonic plots. In this insightful book, Andrew Towe peels back the cover and reveals a scheming spirit that comes to lull the people of God to sleep. Some of you will read these pages and receive an awakening as you discern what has been hindering you. This reality, in and of itself, makes this book worth reading. But there is more!

You will also be given insight and strategy to overcome the attacks of the enemy. This book is a prophetic wake-up call for the church and believers. It arms us with a prophetic road map to maximize our purpose. So, get ready for a phenomenal journey. Grab a good cup of coffee or another beverage of choice and dive deep into the prophetic brilliance captured in this masterful writing by Andrew, who is a part of my spiritual family and a seasoned leader in the body of Christ! Enjoy.

—Ryan LeStrange
Author, *Breaking Curses* and *Hell’s Toxic Trio*

My friend Andrew Towe is very serious about helping people receive their complete deliverance from every enemy assignment that has tried to assassinate their destiny. His latest book, *Breaking the Spirit of Delilah*, provides spiritual keys and practical tools for dealing with this wicked and demonic spirit. If you've been caught up in the enemy's lies, trapped within the bondage of vicious cycles, and feeling hopeless, it's time to get free! Read this book, follow its biblical advice, and advance into the victorious life that Jesus has promised you can live!

—Joshua Mills

Director and co-founder, International Glory Ministries
Best-selling author, *Power Portals* and *Angelic Activations*

Andrew Towe has masterfully compiled revelation and information to help the church identify its blind side. We must operate in the highest and greatest anointing now more than ever before. Jesus is coming soon, and He needs His people fully armed and fully aware. Be equipped as you read *Breaking the Spirit of Delilah*.

—Kim Owens

Revivalist; co-pastor, Fresh Start Church, Peoria, AZ
Author, *Doorkeepers of Revival*

Breaking the Spirit of Delilah is a book that will awaken the body of Christ and sound the alarm to the insidious plot that strangles the move of God and strips believers of their power, identity, prophetic purpose, and assignment. In this one-of-a-kind book, Andrew Towe, an apostolic and prophetic leader, enlightens, equips, and encourages every believer to rise up in power and authority. *Breaking the Spirit of Delilah* will open your spiritual eyes to the seducing, deceiving, manipulating, cunning, and tormenting spirit that attacks the work of God. This life-changing book is full of sound biblical teaching, revelation, prophetic insight, and experiences that connect the reader to keys of identifying and demolishing the strongholds of this devious, mischief-making, and

anointing-zapping spirit. For many years, I have read books on the spirits of Jezebel, Python, and Leviathan but none on the Delilah spirit. Andrew Towe has presented a game-changer that arms the church to disarm the constricting powers working behind the spirit of Delilah. I highly endorse and recommend the anointing pages of this deliverance handbook. You will not be able to put it down because you will very quickly be able to discern when, what, why, and how this spirit is in operation, and you will have the Holy Spirit's power to break its chokehold!

—*Dr. Hakeem Collins*

International speaker; founder, Hakeem Collins Ministries

Best-selling author, *Unseen Warfare* and

The Power of Aligning Your Words to God's Will

Now, more than ever, the church needs courage to rise up! War and rumors of war are all around us, and so many of us have grown tired, apathetic, and weary of the days ahead. We were created for more! We are anointed and equipped to take ground for the kingdom. Spiritual warfare is real, and we need to be aware of what's happening around us. Andrew Towe's new book *Breaking the Spirit of Delilah* will not only uncover the mystery behind spiritual apathy but will give us insights to be overcomers who take back what the enemy has stolen!

—*Parker and Jessi Green*

Revivalists, Saturate Global

Best-selling authors, *Wildfires* and *Way of the Violent*

My good friend Andrew Towe has written another powerful, must-read book. Far too many people are pulled away from their assignment and calling by the Delilah spirit. This topic is so important for today because when you start operating in your God-given gift, the spirit of Delilah will try to manipulate you, exactly as it happened to Samson. Many lose focus and stop following the leading of the Holy Spirit when the Delilah spirit attempts to pull them away by the lust of the natural realm.

Every one of us has a breathtaking calling and purpose from God that the enemy wants to stop. This is why I quote Matthew 6:10 a lot: “*Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven*” (NIV). Books like this one that expose the different tactics of the enemy are so important. The revelation Andrew unpacks in this book will help you to be on guard in the spirit and defeat the spirit of Delilah when it is unleashed against you. When you are under attack, or whether it’s your family and friends that the devil is targeting, this is the book that will help you step into victory.

—Joe Joe Dawson
Apostle, Roar Church Texarkana
Author, *Kingdom Thinking*

I love this book! Andrew Towe’s *Breaking the Spirit of Delilah* contains many interesting thoughts and valuable insights from Scripture that I have meditated on for decades. It contains a thoughtful critique and a powerful spiritual antidote for the many modern ministry philosophies that emphasize people-pleasing techniques for the masses while de-emphasizing the power of the Holy Spirit. It provides many practical insights and relevant biblical applications for dealing with the kind of lukewarm, non-supernatural, or even anti-supernatural worldviews that the enemy uses to keep God’s people in a place of bondage and blindness, while preventing them from entering into the destiny He always intended them to experience.

—Joan Hunter
Evangelist; host, *Miracles Happen!* TV show
Author, *The Power of Prophetic Vision* and *Nine Plus*

Upon my initial reading of Andrew Towe's latest book, the title immediately caught my attention: *Breaking the Spirit of Delilah*. As I perused its pages, I quickly realized that Delilah was not only after me but after you, too! I truly believe that this author has received this revelation directly from the throne room of heaven! The Lord gave me insight on this malevolent spirit that specifically targets the saints of God. Its job is to wear out believers. This spirit launches sneak attacks when Christians are at their most vulnerable, with the objective of lulling them to sleep even while they appear awake.

The spirit of Delilah, as described by the author, sheds light on what has been holding many people hostage for years. Towe exposes and expounds on the various stratagems that Delilah utilizes to keep believers trapped in a stranglehold of slumbering. This spirit desires to initiate, maintain, prolong, and exacerbate supernatural lassitude (weariness). Perhaps this was the same spirit that caused Moses to experience an inexplicable exhaustion while Israel battled the Amalekites in Exodus 17. I was extremely impressed by the transparency, compassion, and authenticity of the author.

Andrew Towe has sounded a reverberating prophetic alarm that will most definitely awaken the anointed and the called. There is definitely oil on this book! I believe that after you read *Breaking the Spirit of Delilah*, an increased hunger for the things of God will overtake you. This book is a spiritual wake-up call to "oily" people that Delilah is attempting to trick into slumber. It will be a welcome addition to your spiritual library.

—John Veal

Prophet, Enduring Faith Christian Center
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and *Supernaturally Delivered*

Andrew Towe's *Breaking the Spirit of Delilah* is a must-read for everyone in the church. This book exposes one of the most subtle spirits that has slithered its way into the modern-day church by injecting its venom and putting a slumbering stranglehold on many highly anointed saints of God. This spirit is known as the Delilah spirit. Yes, Delilah was a woman; however, there was a spirit operating through seduction, deception, and manipulation to weaken Samson to find out the source of his strength. That same spirit is operating today in our churches to weaken us as believers and cause us to give up and throw in the towel. We must refuse to allow Delilah to administer her poisonous anesthetic to us.

In this book, you will learn how to recognize the Delilah spirit and identify the spiritual symptoms that come from it. You will also learn how to stop it from stealing your destiny as you discover how to take hold of the keys that will bring you overall victory!

—Donna Grisham

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WHAT IS THE SPIRIT OF DELILAH AND WHY IS IT AFTER YOU?

While I was attending a very well-known and popular conference, assembled with the objective to help pastors grow their churches and reach their community, I sat listening intently to the speakers, hoping to glean from experienced church builders useful principles I could implement to expand our church's vision and more effectively further God's kingdom. I was all in and ready to receive. I had my notebook in hand, feverishly taking notes. I was able to retain a lot of great information and content, but then it happened: I heard something I did not expect. One of the keynote speakers said something along these lines: "Pastors, you do not want to display the gifts of the Spirit up front from the stage or allow them to be highly visible in the altars. Guests and visitors might not understand what is happening and decide not to come back to your church. We advise that you have one service a month where you allow the gifts to flow freely. Advertise it as such so that everyone will know what to expect beforehand. They can choose

to attend or not. This new method will broaden your appeal to the community.”

As I heard that statement and witnessed how the church leaders in the audience so readily received it, I suddenly felt nauseous. I don't want to overembellish here, but I had a literal physical reaction to what I had heard. As I went to bed that night, I replayed the day's events in my mind. “Am I stuck in an old wineskin?” I asked myself. “Is this the new way that God is building His church? Am I trapped in a spirit of religion, like the Pharisees were? Could it be that Jesus does desire His church to be comfortable to those in sin instead of being a place of conviction?”

In my last book, *The Triple Threat Anointing*, I wrote about an encounter I had with Jesus in a dream. He showed me a coming movement of mass salvation, healing, and deliverance. The new cutting-edge methods taught at this conference were in opposition to what Jesus had revealed to me.

Just as I was thinking this, I heard the voice of the Holy Spirit ask me a question: “Will you close the door to Me too?”

I fell to my knees, weeping. “No, I want You!” I replied urgently. “Please come and don't leave me. I don't care if I never have a megachurch or if everyone gets offended. I want You to be front and center. I don't want You ever offended! I won't hide Your gifts, nor will I exile Your power to a back room out of a desire for man's acceptance.”

At that moment, it was as if God pulled back the veil and exposed the spirit that has invaded the church and is actively at work to destroy the faith of believers. It is not a new spirit but one that has been around for a long time. In recent years, it has expanded its reach and gained disturbing momentum. God revealed to me the name of the spirit behind the movement that church planters have widely embraced, which has opened the door

for many Christians to fall prey to its destructive power. The Lord said to me, “It is the spirit of Delilah.”

THE BIRTH OF GOD'S CHAMPION

After God unveiled the Delilah spirit to me, He told me that He wanted to reveal more about this spirit to the church. I knew the basics of the story of Samson and Delilah. I had preached many sermons on the text, which is found in the book of Judges. Nonetheless, I knew that the Holy Spirit wanted to uncover a more profound truth than the infamous haircut that brought defeat to Israel's great judge and deliverer.

Samson was born when the nation of Israel had come under servitude to the Philistines because of its sin. Like many other biblical characters, Samson was born to a woman who was barren. Manoah, Samson's father, was from the tribe of Dan and lived in the city of Zorah. Manoah and his wife, who is unnamed in the Bible, were unable to have children. One day, an angel of the Lord appeared to the barren woman and told her that she would conceive and give birth to a son. Moreover, he said her son would be a Nazirite from his birth until his death and that he would begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of their oppressors.

For behold, you shall conceive and give birth to a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the boy shall be a Nazirite [dedicated] to God from birth; and he shall begin to rescue Israel from the hands of the Philistines. (Judges 13:5 AMP)

Amazingly, even though God had allowed the Israelites to be given over into servitude because of their sin, He had already planned their deliverance. God always makes a way of escape for His children.

Manoah's wife excitedly ran and told her husband of the visit of the heavenly messenger and his announcement. Manoah

immediately asked God to allow His angel to return to them for further instruction. The Lord granted Manoah's request, and the angel returned.

So Manoah asked him, "When your words come true, what kind of rules should govern the boy's life and work?" The angel of the LORD replied, "Be sure your wife follows the instructions I gave her. She must not eat grapes or raisins, drink wine or any other alcoholic drink, or eat any forbidden food."...Then Manoah took a young goat and a grain offering and offered it on a rock as a sacrifice to the LORD. And as Manoah and his wife watched, the LORD did an amazing thing. As the flames from the altar shot up toward the sky, the angel of the LORD ascended in the fire. When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell with their faces to the ground.

(Judges 13:12–14, 19–20 NLT)

Moreover, verse 22 reveals that God's angel was, in fact, none other than Jesus Christ: "And he said to his wife, 'We will certainly die, for we have seen God!'" (Judges 13:22 NLT). What a birth announcement! Can you imagine what it must have been like for them to have received such news, having been childless for years? Suddenly, their world was transformed by a visit from God, who proclaimed to them that they would have a son. Not only would they have a baby, but God would use their son to shift the trajectory of their nation. This is the purpose of the church. This is God's purpose for you! You, as a part of the church, are called to legislate on earth the will of heaven. Christians are God's entryways on the earth.

At this point, let's pause and consider a common question: Is it scriptural to pray for God to allow you to have angelic visitations? Manoah's example bears witness to it. With that said, you must be careful not to exalt angelic activity or any supernatural demonstration over God Himself. There have been times when I have

seen individuals and even churches get out of balance by glorifying supernatural encounters. Remember, the enemy can give you supernatural experiences, too. That is why you must use discernment and remain resolute in your pursuit of God.

The narrative goes on to inform us that Manoah's wife indeed bore a son and named him Samson. *"And the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol"* (Judges 13:24–25).

The words *"to move"* were translated from the Hebrew word *pa'am*, defined by *Strong's Concordance* as "to tap, to beat regularly, to impel, to agitate," and "to trouble." As Samson began to grow, the Holy Spirit began to impel or trouble him to act. This verse reminds me of David when he heard Goliath mocking the God of Israel and was moved to stand against the giant. He asked the question, *"Is there not a cause?"* (1 Samuel 17:29). Whenever you are driven by the Spirit, no matter how impossible things may look in the natural, you will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to accomplish the feat.

When the power of God to bring miraculous results came on Samson, he was able to do in the natural that which was not possible for any ordinary man to do. The anointing is supernatural. It adds super to your natural. The anointing on Samson's life enabled him to gain many victories over the Philistines.

A DESCENT INTO COMPROMISE

Sometimes, when an individual is powerfully anointed of God, they will begin to take it for granted and even expect that the anointing will always flow through them no matter what they do or how they live. I have seen men and women who have been greatly anointed of God become lax in their relationship with the Lord. Rather than guard and protect their anointing, they started

to abuse it. This was the case with Samson. Although he was a Nazirite from birth, chosen and anointed by God, he allowed himself to slowly descend into compromise.

A note of warning here: if you, as a believer, are not diligent to hear and obey the voice of the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to deal with your heart, you, too, can become vulnerable like Samson and plunge into a spiral of compromise. Through the life of Samson, a vivid picture is painted of the consequences of focusing only on your outward victories without allowing the Holy Spirit to deal with your internal struggles. The same Spirit that anoints you for service is the same Spirit who wants to free you from the weight of bondage that you carry in secret.

AN UNLAWFUL WIFE

In Judges 14:1–2 we can find a lot of insight into Samson’s internal struggle—particularly how he begins to compromise with fleshly desires.

And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife. (Judges 14:1–2)

Notice that the above verses stress that he “*saw a woman.*” The warning for all believers here is to guard their vision and be careful where they allow their eyes to focus. I cannot emphasize enough that Samson’s decline began with his eyes. The enemy was after Samson’s vision from the very beginning. He knew that Samson was anointed of God to be a deliverer of God’s people.

Vision is a powerful thing in the life of any individual. Psalm 29:18 tells us, “*Where there is no vision, the people perish.*” When an individual’s vision has been stolen, the person will cast off all restraint.

Take note that the enemy gained entry into Samson's life by fiercely attacking his eyes, meaning Satan's assault came through the realm of Samson's sight. Satan's ultimate goal was to make God's chosen vessel an embarrassment and a reproach upon Israel. He used the strategy to tempt Samson with lust for the very things from which God had called him to deliver Israel—the Philistines. The Philistine nation oppressed Israel, but his sexual desire for their women oppressed Samson.

Samson's parents tried to dissuade him from marrying a woman who did not share their faith. They recognized that a Philistine wife could mean trouble for Samson. It was unlawful for an Israelite to marry a woman who was of the lineage of the Philistines, (See Deuteronomy 7:3.) It was entirely reckless for Samson, as a Nazirite who had vowed to be separate and utterly devoted to the Lord, to make a covenant by becoming one with a worshipper of the false god Dagon. *“Is there no woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised (pagan) Philistines?”* (Judges 14:3 AMP), his parents asked. Here is Samson's response: *“Get her for me, because she looks pleasing to me”* (Judges 14:3 AMP).

The writer of Judges goes on to note, *“His father and mother didn't realize the LORD was at work in this, creating an opportunity to work against the Philistines, who ruled over Israel at that time”* (Judges 14:4 NLT). Here we have a clear example of how God can take believers' foolish decisions and turn them for good. The Lord used Samson's dastardly mistake as an occasion to strike out against Israel's enemy. We see an acceleration of the Spirit moving upon Samson to accomplish incredible feats during this time.

Then Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother [to arrange the marriage], and they came as far as the vineyards of Timnah; and suddenly, a young lion came roaring toward him. The Spirit of the LORD came upon him mightily, and he tore the lion apart as one tears apart a young

goat, and he had nothing at all in his hand; but he did not tell his father or mother what he had done.

(Judges 14:5–6 AMP)

My kids and I watched a cartoon about Samson the other night. The animation depicted him as a vast, muscular, Hercules-type figure. However, this picture could not have been accurate, because the Philistines were desperate to know the secret to his strength. His great might was not due to his muscular physique. It was directly correlated with the Holy Spirit moving upon him. It was not through natural means but rather came through supernatural means; his might came through almighty God.

A BROKEN VOW

Samson tended always to take things one step too far. The Spirit of the Lord anointed him to kill the roaring lion with his bare hands, but later, once again, his eyes enticed him to break his vow to God.

When he returned later...he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion; and behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the body of the lion. So he scraped the honey out into his hands and went on, eating as he went. When he came to his father and mother, he gave them some, and they ate it; but he did not tell them he had taken the honey from the body of the lion.

(Judges 14:8–9 AMP)

Samson's Nazirite vow strictly forbade him to touch dead things, but that did not stop Samson. He saw the swarm of bees in the lion's carcass and scraped the honey out of it.

The Spirit of the Lord always came upon him even after he had made poor choices. "Surely, it won't hurt to give me a forbidden treat this once," he may have thought. This is how Satan works against an individual and against the church at large. If one

compromises first on one thing and then lowers their standards on another, the enemy will soon overtake that person.

Next, the story tells us that Samson, at his wedding to the Philistine woman, thought to entertain his guests with a riddle he had made up and alone knew the answer to. He even put forth a wager that no one would be able to solve the riddle. He was right: no one could come up with the answer. Here is where the story gets interesting. Samson's new Philistine bride was threatened by some wedding guests who told her to do whatever was necessary to gain the answer from Samson, or else they would burn down her father's house, along with every member of his household. She wept before Samson for the seven-day wedding festival and continually pressed him for the answer.

So Samson's wife wept before him and said, "You only hate me, you do not love me; you have asked my countrymen a riddle, and have not told [the answer] to me." And he said to her, "Listen, I have not told my father or my mother [either], so [why] should I tell you?" However Samson's wife wept before him seven days while their [wedding] feast lasted, and on the seventh day he told her because she pressed him so hard.

(Judges 14:16–17 AMP)

The behaviors Samson's wife exhibits here are all traits found in the spirit of Delilah. It will do whatever is necessary to get what it wants. Samson finally relented and revealed the answer to the riddle to his new bride, and she quickly relayed the answer to the Philistine men who had made the wager with Samson. His love for this Philistine woman, followed by her betrayal, was the precursor to the events that would lead to his ultimate failure.

A SERIES OF VENGEFUL MURDERS

Samson became so angry, and no doubt hurt, as well, at his wife's treachery that he left the wedding. Then the Spirit of the

Lord came upon him, and he killed thirty Philistine men. He took the spoils of the dead Philistines and gave them as payment to the men who had learned from his wife the answer to the riddle. Samson then went back to his father's house.

After some time had elapsed, Samson calmed down and decided to go and visit his wife, who had betrayed him; when he arrived, to his dismay, he discovered that her father had given her away to another man. Watch what he did next:

Samson said to them, "This time I shall be blameless in regard to the Philistines when I do them harm." So Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches and turning the foxes tail to tail, he put a torch between each pair of tails. When he had set the torches ablaze, he let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and he burned up the heap of sheaves and the standing grain, along with the vineyards and olive groves.

(Judges 15:3–5 AMP)

The Philistines were furious and demanded to know who was responsible for burning their fields. When they discovered it was Samson, they burned Samson's wife and her father's household in retaliation. Then Philistines surrounded the men of Judah and announced that they had come to bind Samson. The men of Judah were terrified. They questioned why Samson had stirred up the anger of the Philistines who ruled over them. They could not comprehend why he would make it worse for them, his own people. Three thousand men of Judah confronted Samson. He agreed to be bound and turned over to the Philistines, but with the condition that none of his own people would bring any harm to him. They took Samson, bound him, and delivered him to their enemy. The Philistines began to shout against him. Suddenly, the Spirit of the Lord once again came upon Samson, and he broke the cords that bound him. He then found the jawbone of a donkey and killed one thousand men with it!

Samson had experienced a great victory, but he had again broken his Nazirite vow by touching the carcass of an animal. Next we see a vivid illustration of a profound truth: whenever there is a compromise, depletion follows. This time his compromise left him thirsty to the point of death, forcing Samson to cry out to God for mercy and provision.

Samson was very thirsty, and he called out to the LORD and said, "You have given this great victory through the hand of Your servant, and now am I to die of thirst and fall into the hands of the uncircumcised (pagans)?" (Judges 15:18 AMP)

The Spirit of the Lord still assisted him, despite his having broken his vow. God, who is rich in mercy, heard and answered him.

God split open the hollow place that was at Lehi, and water came out of it. When Samson drank, his spirit (strength) returned, and he was revived. Therefore, he named it En-hakkore (spring which is calling), which is at Lehi to this day. (Judges 15:19 AMP)

Samson renamed the place in Lehi "En-hakkore," meaning "the caller's fountain," for God had provided Samson a fountain of water, which consequently came forth from the same jawbone of the donkey that he had used as a weapon to kill the Philistines! Remember this when you think God is finished with the source that He has used in the past to help you and to demonstrate His glory!

GOD IS FAITHFUL DESPITE OUR FLAWS

Did you know that God's ear is open to your cry, just as it was to Samson's? Scripture is replete with assurances that God answers when His people call on Him for help:

- ✦ *“Call unto me, and I will answer thee” (Jeremiah 33:3).*
- ✦ *“Thou art the LORD the God, who...didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea; and shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as it is this day. And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters” (Nehemiah 9:7, 9–11).*
- ✦ *“But when [Peter] saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?” (Matthew 14:30–31).*

Notice that Samson was “revived” when he drank from God’s fountain. When there is a cry, revival begins. You who are intercessors crying out to God to send rivers of living water, be encouraged. Revival is coming because God has heard your cries. He will show His mercy in miraculous ways.

THE LIES BEFORE THE FALL

There were other instances of Samson’s, besides the touching of the jawbone of the donkey, when he was lax with the anointing of God upon his life. God did not make these transgressions public before the nation. God, in His great mercy, will always deal with His children privately before exposing them publicly. However, the best-known example of Samson’s failure—which was made public—was his love for Delilah. She would be the catalyst to bring about his fall.

And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. And the lords of the

Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver. (Judges 16:4–5)

The word “entice” is translated from the Hebrew word *pathah*, defined as “to open, (in a sinister way) to delude, allure, deceive, enlarge, entice, flatter,” and “persuade.”

Although Delilah was indeed a real-life woman, a demonic spirit operated through her to destroy Samson. The demonic spirit of Delilah is still in operation today. It has gripped its claws around the throat of many believers in the church, and its agenda has not changed from Samson’s day. The goal of the Delilah spirit is to entice you away from your kingdom authority and rob you of your strength. How does it do this? It starts with deception. Its ruse is to trick you into believing its lies, starting with your vision.

And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee. (Judges 16:6)

In the beginning, Samson did not reveal the truth to Delilah when she asked for the secret of his great strength. First, he told her that he would lose his strength if he were bound by seven bowstrings that had never been dried. She tied him up with bowstrings and then screamed, “The Philistines are here to capture you!” (See Judges 16:7–9.) Upon hearing her cry, Samson jumped up and with great ease broke the bowstrings off himself. She realized then that he had not told her the truth.

Again, she asked for his secret, and for the second time he did not tell her the truth. He said to her that if new ropes bound him, he would be as weak as the average man. So she tested his answer, but the new ropes proved not to be the kryptonite to his power.

She was relentless. For a third time, she pleaded with him for the answer to his great strength. “*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’*” (Judges 16:13 NLT). Observe how Samson’s resolve to protect his secret and guard his vow to God began to break down. His third answer, although false, was very close to the actual truth. He mentioned his hair, which alluded to the Nazirite vow that spoke of separation unto God.

Take note that you, the reader, benefit from knowing the outcome and recognizing how Delilah was setting Samson up. You might wonder how he could have been so blind. I would challenge you with this question: How many times have you been blinded to the enemy’s attacks when others looking on could see what was happening to you?

We saw a glimpse of the Delilah spirit in the book of Genesis. Potiphar’s wife did to Joseph the same exact thing that Delilah is doing to Samson here, for it was the identical spirit in operation. (See Genesis 39.) This same Delilah spirit works the same way in both stories, but the outcomes are different. In Genesis, Potiphar’s wife did everything she could to seduce Joseph. However, Joseph did not fall into her trap. He would not entertain that spirit; instead, he removed himself from its presence. That’s key: whenever a believer is under an attack from the Delilah spirit, they must not endure its words and continual pressure. If they do, they will eventually surrender to it just to get some relief. That’s the outcome we find in the story of Samson. Scripture tells us that Delilah

pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; that he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come to a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother’s womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. And when Delilah

saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. (Judges 16:16–18)

Pay attention to what happened next:

She made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. (Judges 16:19–20)

While I was reading verse 19, the Holy Spirit spoke to me about breaking the stronghold of the spirit of Delilah. The Scripture says, “*She made him sleep upon her knees.*” If Samson had only awakened and realized what her influence and relationship would cost him, he would have fortified himself against her allure.

READY FOR A WAKE-UP CALL

Not long after the conference I attended and the message from the Lord that followed it, I was praying in my prayer room and was taken into a vision. I saw a battlefield and warriors loaded with weaponry, prepared for battle. As I looked, it seemed that, out of nowhere, their enemy came flying overhead and started dropping upon them what appeared to be thick, heavy drapes. To me, it seemed as if their foe was attempting to blanket them in heavy darkness. I heard the Lord’s voice loudly roar, “No! It is broken! They are mantled with My authority!” As soon as He spoke, the enemy’s blanket fell off God’s warriors and disappeared.

After this vision, the Lord revealed more to me regarding the spirit of Delilah, taking me to the life of Samson, the great judge of Israel. I was already very familiar with the story of Samson, having

preached many messages on his life, failure, and comeback. Yet the Lord said to me, “There is more in Samson’s life for you to learn, and you must reveal it to My church for this hour.” Moreover, He said,

The Spirit of Delilah has lullabied My church to sleep. This Spirit seduces My chosen ones until they lay their head on its lap and sleep until it’s too late. The enemy has overtaken them! Remember, at first, Samson was able to resist Delilah’s maximum pressure tactics. His resolve was broken down little by little, and he ultimately gave way to her treacherous scheme. Sound the alarm! Expose its devious plots and dismantle its evil works! Awaken My warriors! It is not a time for them to submit to the spirit of Delilah. It is not the time to sleep while the adversary lays a snare for them. For no longer will My people be able to shake off their sin and still have the anointing operating through them. No more compromise! Say to My people, “Soldiers, take your positions, stand your ground, and fight! Get off Delilah’s playground. It is time to war and win on the battleground. Get your head out of her lap and protect your anointing. Watchmen, arise, put on your armor, and use your weapons against the forces of hell. Now is your moment. Shake off the spirit of Delilah that has bewitched you. This is your set time.

The spirit of Delilah has lullabied the church to sleep. The enemy is crouching at the door, and the army of God has been put to sleep by the spirit of Delilah. The church must lift her head out of Delilah’s lap.

The Spirit of God is calling to you, saying, “Wake up! You are being attacked. Don’t become a casualty. Don’t fall into the clutches of the Delilah spirit. Refuse to be lulled to sleep until there is no

strength left in you. Get away from the spirit of Delilah. Instead, walk in your God-given victory and fulfill your assignment.”

Refuse to allow Delilah to administer her anesthetic to you. Prepare for battle! The time has come for you to awaken from slumber. Revival, restoration, and renewal are here for you. You must stop the spirit of Delilah’s reign of lethargic complacency.

For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? (1 Corinthians 14:8)

The message I have for you now is this: You are God’s champion! Samson no longer lives on this earth, but you do! You are the one to whom God is referring in this book, the one He is warning to beware of the spirit of Delilah. Do you not realize that Satan is more terrified of you than you are of him? He fears you will receive and live by the life-changing revelation that you are called for *more!* He doesn’t want you to gain knowledge of the spirit that is even now working to steal your joy, confuse your mind, and lull you to sleep. Cut off all ties with the spirit of Delilah. Wake up and stop it in its tracks!

PLAYTIME IS OVER

On another day while I was praying, the Lord showed me a different vision. In it I saw warriors that were equipped with the finest of military ware. They were armed with guns, ammunition, and all the weaponry of war. The enemy began dropping bombs and fighting heavily against them. Much to my shock, there was a child’s merry-go-round in the middle of the battlefield. The warriors under siege left their positions and started to play on the merry-go-round. They were spinning round and round as if they hadn’t a care in the world. Then the Lord said to me, “Tell My people that playtime is over!” God has supplied His children with everything they need to win in the battle against their adversary. However, the devil will send a plethora of distractions to keep them occupied

and going round and round in the same cycles. It is time for God's army to arise from its comatose state. Believer, you have the power to put the enemy on the run from your life, your family, and your generation!