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Sermon Title: "Strength in Weakness"

Text: Judges 16:1-6

Series: Stronger

¹Samson went to Gaza, and there he saw a prostitute, and he went in to her. ²The Gazites were told, "Samson has come here." And they surrounded the place and set an ambush for him all night at the gate of the city. They kept quiet all night, saying, "Let us wait till the light of the morning; then we will kill him." ³But Samson lay till midnight, and at midnight he arose and took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts, and pulled them up, bar and all, and put them on his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that is in front of Hebron. ⁴After this he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. ⁵And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Seduce him, and see where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him, that we may bind him to humble him. And we will each give you 1,100 pieces of silver." ⁶So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength lies, and how you might be bound, that one could subdue you."

1. *Unclaimed Promise (vs.1-3)*

Gen. 22:17: God's promise to Abraham: "I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,

Gen. 24:60: "your offspring will possess the gate of those who hate you."

Mt. 16:18 "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

2. *Unchecked Passion (vs.4-21)*

3. *Unfinished Purpose (vs.22-31)*