

VOICES



Who are you listening to?



Proverbs 8:1-6 (NLT)

Listen as Wisdom calls out!

Hear as understanding raises her voice!

On the hilltop along the road,
she takes her stand at the crossroads.

By the gates at the entrance to the town,
on the road leading in, she cries aloud,

“I call to you, to all of you!
I raise my voice to all people.

You simple people, use good judgment.
You foolish people, show some
understanding.

Listen to me! For I have important things
to tell you. Everything I say is right





Proverbs 9:13-18 (NLT)

The woman named Folly is brash.

She is ignorant and doesn't know it.

She sits in her doorway
on the heights overlooking the city.

She calls out to men going by
who are minding their own business.

“Come in with me,” she urges the simple.
To those who lack good judgment, she
says,

“Stolen water is refreshing;
food eaten in secret tastes the best!”

But little do they know that the dead are
there.

Her guests are in the depths of the
grave.

Judges 16:4-6 (NLT)

Some time later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek. 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."

So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me what makes you so strong and what it would take to tie you up securely."



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Judges 16:15-17 (NLT)

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!” She tormented him with her nagging day after day until he was sick to death of it.



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Judges 16:25 (NLT)

So the Philistines captured him and gouged out his eyes. They took him to Gaza, where he was bound with bronze chains and forced to grind grain in the prison.



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3. END-UP in a place he didn't want to be.

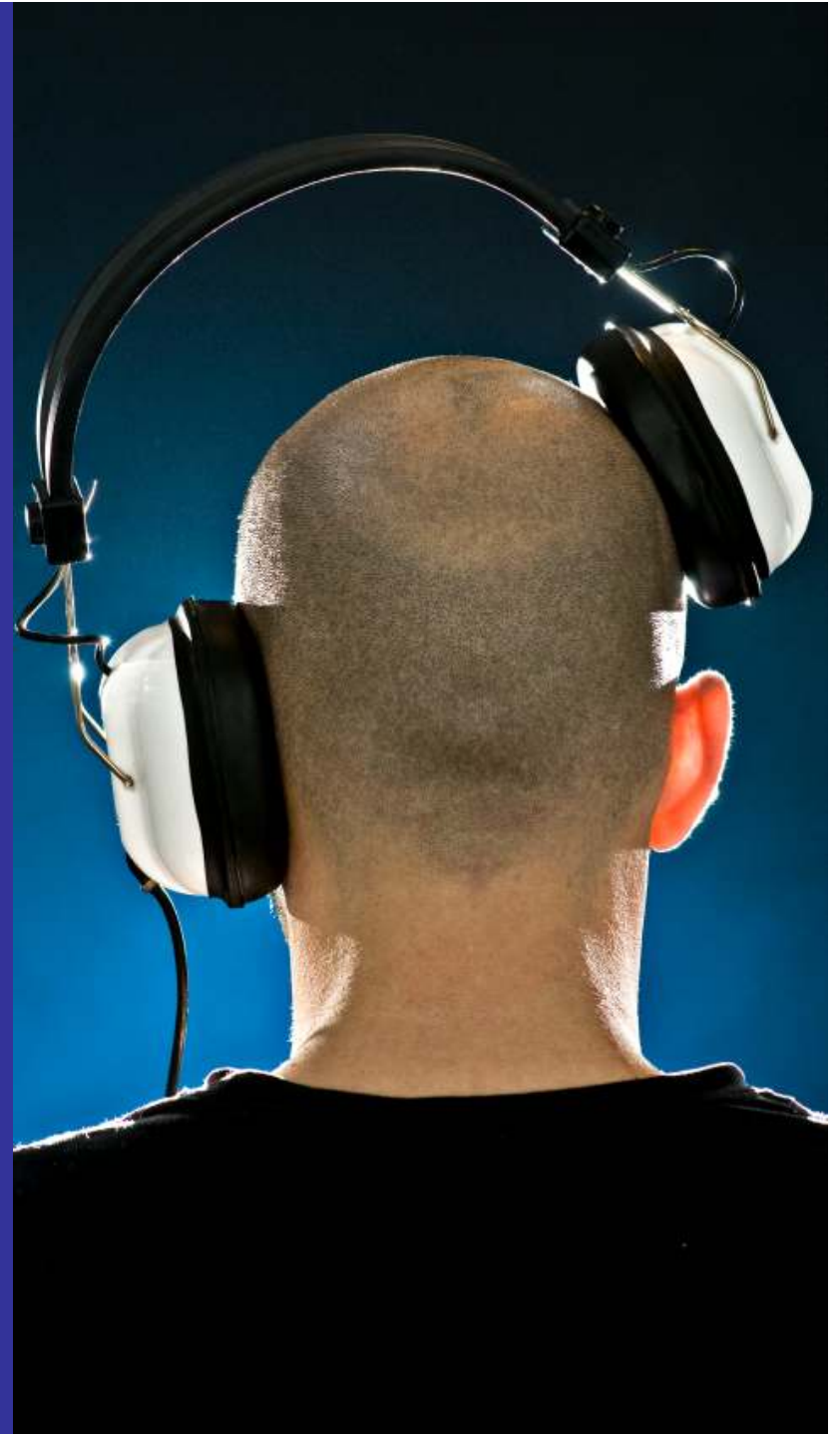


Judges 13:5 (NLT)

You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and his hair must never be cut. For he will be dedicated to God as a Nazirite from birth. He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines.”



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4. EXCEPTIONS there are none, even if you're special.



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