

Acts 16: 6-17, 40

SUBJECT: What God

Can Do Through

a woman

[The Lydian Business woman]

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What God Can Do With a Woman  
(The Lydian Business Woman)

1. Acts 16, so meaningful in our lives  
a turning point in all history.

(1) Paul seeks to turn eastward  
to the U.S. quickly westward.  
of guided to Asia, along Paul's. by ready mission  
to the outside savage/ sense of compass

(2) How quietly silent) all day  
unhindered, remarkable  
not this way 7 paths in pattern than the world?  
Paul's 7 mission (baptism, city & land) for what it could.

2. Philippa  
a colony. Roman veteran. Over 40.  
no fear (7 10 years, family, 9 synagogues)  
Built a small room. This household changed many  
abolished.

1. 16.13 and on the highway  
Lydia is the faithful woman

(1) But can not find any at home  
But there is public fear of all of private  
needs

The church - Kocuniv, a fellow, & comes  
of. vol. 7.16, 17  
of books. 1221

(2) But of days no reading  
For the road, Grant - the more of the two  
(1) of 10, 54 for, to be of  
200 . . . road

2. 16.14

Lydia

(1) A Lydian - They do not a faith, the Lydian Lydian  
Process, more. However, dog, Lydian before  
- Thyatira. These the ancient, Babylonian  
Lydia

(2) A proselyte of the faith  
From identity, papers  
Please the spiritual about the needs  
" needs . . . seen  
" stand . . . papers

(3) About the business of the Sabbath day  
even in the paper city  
(1) Lydia, missed with a lady  
non meeting follows the crowd, see needs in the  
direction, least possible  
(1) this wisdom of the Sabbath

(4) A noble woman 187. 4.8 area  
about the field, Kocuniv, Alford, Elizabeth, may trouble about  
correct to give with a 1000 times Red it at home for  
of faithful women  
(1) 1977 into the house of

1. Paul in the man / Macedonia 16: 9  
 where is he?  
 God's will or why really  
 the 7th day - to a woman!  
 Disaffection? Back to work, require, ~~perhaps~~?  
 a colonial match  
 no. "Per is that of father; my word"  
 6. Jesus in the Samaritan woman  
 then Philip - the Samaritan village?

2. She the beg's in Europe, ~~reception~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~city~~  
 people struggle by ~~working~~.  
 but Paul ~~the~~  
 to see  
 that the "Pitt"  
 in  
 it's  
 was.

woman of woman, child, will, bond of bond

1. "When heart the 7d opened" 16:14  
How beautiful, to fall to know on when heart open.  
"Do for me with your heart love for 'God'"  
for your values count, and, a "Love left of"  
being sent to you.

2. "the attitude"  
Rom 10:17  
10:57:3

the heart opened - because a X? no 7:20  
love - - - - -  
help - - - - -  
shrine, grace, work

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SUBJECT, The Business  
Woman: Lydia

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The Business Woman.

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1<sup>o</sup> Int. When open Bible at 16<sup>th</sup> ch. deep interest. Critical hour in your life and mine. Here, the fate of you and salvation is on his way to us. Paul is bending his steps westward - committing himself to cross the channel of his sea to be with three Europe, to us. What if guided to Asia - Chris, India? - Sandy missionaries to wild savages of Europe, America.

How silently, quietly it begins. Story unfolds. Under peace this of ponds, woods, do not see the departure Paul is making.

The greatness of men - Paul, Silas, Timothy, Luke. Unhindered assembly. What does arrival mean? Yet coming of Paul to Philippi greater importance, moment to world, than conquest of "Philippi" Macedonia after whose city was named.

2. 16:12 Philippi. Built, the Roman city. "A colony" named to Roman veterans - a little Rome. No Jews to speak of - if as many as 10 men, & synagogues.

16:13 Built on small Pangas River - walls adjacent to location of the stream. Instructions of Jews accompanying them around weekly. A place gathered for prayers.

16:13 "And on the Sabbath..."

Paul and his company on the Sabbath...  
Lydia and the faithful women on the Sabbath...  
cf. John in Rev. 1:10

But first...

- (1) Can read the Bible at home, pray... worship - sing  
But there is public prayer... Bible reading... worship  
Ly is a fellowship. X? must abide together however  
Mat. 3:16, 17...  
John...  
(2) Back home, to church. But moved to Dallas...  
cf. the things most impressed Lydia: no John. Every day alive.

(3) Day for recreation...  
could have been... but no. Out of the description the  
wonderful story.

Introduction to LYDIA.

2. 16:14

(1) Lydia - a common name in So. Rome days. Could  
be "the Lydian." (Crosses H. of Lydo). Homer's time, Lydians  
fabricate arts of dyeing purple. Successful merchant. Household of several.

(2) Had come in contact with Jews - turned from idolatry,  
paganism - to worship the what light she had followed...  
She had learned how to place spiritual above the  
material, the unseen above the seen, the eternal above the temporal.  
Closed her business on the Sabbath Day in the pagan city, found  
her place with those who loved to pray. She neither followed  
the pagan crowd, nor moved in the direction of heart  
resistance.

(3) A noble woman. 2 Th. 4: 8 "she was a great woman."  
"Deborah" Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Susanna, etc.

The faithful group of women around her.

Care of X goes under 7000 times had it not been for  
the faithful women.

(a) 1933 Littleton Ohio.



Paul on the woman with Lydia.

1. Paul in Philippi - "where is the man of Macedonia calling? The one I saw in the vision?" Goes outside the city walls - the jailer brings him to the prison - turns out to be a woman. Or maybe a man of Macedonia saw more than a woman receive him.

Disappointed? "Paul, you are of the truth. man, you have lost yourself. Back to Beroe - to Byzantium - this a useless mistake." No - sit down speak unto them. "This is God's opportunity; this is my reward."

of Jesus are women <sup>Samaria</sup> <sup>Philip and the first Samaritan revival.</sup> the big crowd eagerly, breathlessly waiting. As just this..

2. Paul found his beginning in Europe in her. God says in forefront of his purpose that if Europe saved, would save, saves woman by woman, <sup>child by child</sup> <sup>man by man</sup>, family by family. Begins with one man, one woman, one household - so it spreads. <sup>aim at the world's end - the women take care of it. For the most part</sup> <sup>in this city - but this the way of getting all the world's work.</sup>

(2) Hymenaeus, Philetus - Mrs. Eri Phauls.

How quiet - people straggling by, wandering glances - but Paul there, by his cheer - and the Father there. So - the quiet - word, the there. "Who hath despised the day of small things?" Qf 44:10

The conversion of Lydia.

1. "whose heart the Lord opened" Divinely done - operation of the divine Spirit.  
(a) Little girl? Last Sunday. So tender, open, ready. Strange thing - the heart of man. Out? it the issues of life. Not empty but packed full - and shut against X. A devout woman - but her heart had to be opened. of many religious people, but hearts shut against X. hard, fast, double bolted barred, locked. Try her, find them, knock...  
Hand up your heart to the Lord say "do for me what thou hast done for Lydia - open. come in."  
of John Calvin said, even - a hard left eye a hard heart to the.

2. "attentions" the avenue by which X comes into the soul. Not saved - no attentions. Parable of the sower - way-side heaven - do not attend. Rom 10:17 "faith... by" Being Sunday looks, clothes, manners - but your soul left behind, your mind may compare mental.  
1st 5:7 "Hear, and your soul shall be saved."

Her heart, mind opened. Because a 63  
Her house opened. Because a church.  
The sealing Spirit of Jesus - let him in. Rev. 3:20  
Her life opened. Because a living stream of grace, worship.