

MESSAGE NOTES



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Message: Lydia: Belief Without Boundaries
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⁷ He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:7-8 (NLT)

¹³ On the Sabbath we went a little way outside the city to a riverbank, where we thought people would be meeting for prayer, and we sat down to speak with some women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying. ¹⁵ She was baptized along with other members of her household, and she asked us to be her guests. "If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my home." And she urged us until we agreed.

Acts 16:13-15 (NLT)

Lydia's response shows us...

God is at work searching for the lost.
(See Luke 15)

God uses you and me as His search and rescue team. (See Matthew 28:19,20)

When we humbly surrender, God will open our heart.

As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying.

Acts 16:14 (NLT)

If any of you really determines to do God's will, then you will certainly know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own.

John 7:17 (TLB)

Once we accept Jesus, we are immediately His partners.

²³ Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

²⁴ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

Luke 9:23-24 (NLT)

When Paul and Silas left the prison, they returned to the home of Lydia. There they met with the believers and encouraged them once more. Then they left town.

Acts 16:40 (NLT)

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible