

Great Women of Faith: Lydia, Phoebe & Many Others Acts 16:9-15

Acts 16:9-15 ⁹ That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" ¹⁰ So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there. ¹¹ We boarded a boat at Troas and sailed straight across to the island of Samothrace, and the next day we landed at Neapolis. ¹² From there we reached Philippi, a major city of that district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. And we stayed there several days. 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. (NLT)

1. Women Have More Right & Privileges in Greek/Roman Culture

2. Meet Lydia...

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Genesis 18:32 Finally, Abraham said, "Lord, please don't be angry with me if I speak one more time. Suppose only ten are found there?" And the LORD replied, "Then I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten." (NLT)

3. The Vital Role of Women in the Church!!

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4. Your Faith Has Been Impacted by Women of God!!

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, I acknowledge to You that I have sinned against You in many ways. I believe You died on the cross for my sins. I want You to come into my life and be my savior. Forgive me of all my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. Come into my life and be my Lord and help me become the person You want me to be. Amen.