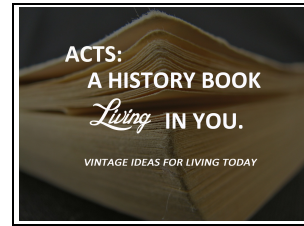


## Notes:



Sierra Community Church June 15th, 2014  
Dan Wilvers-Happy Father's Day Thanks Dad!

### Part 19: Acts 16 The Story of Three Changed Lives What Happened?

#### Lydia

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.<sup>14</sup> One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. Acts 16:13,14

The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

<sup>15</sup> When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. Acts 16:14,15

#### Slave Girl

"Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling."

Acts 16:17

She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." <sup>18</sup> She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

Acts 16:17,18

When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. ... The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods.

Acts 16:19,22,

## The Jailer

After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. **24** When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. Acts 16:23,24

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Acts 16:25

Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. **27** The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. **28** But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" Acts 16:26-28

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. **30** He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:29,30

## What These Three Events Tell Us:

**I. The Good News of Jesus is for \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Lydia is a well-off businesswoman.
- The slave girl is exploited and a broken person.
- The jailer, is sort of middle-class, blue collar type.

**II. The Good News of Jesus has the power to \_\_\_\_\_.**

John Stott says in his commentary on Acts 16:

*"Racially, socially, and psychologically they were worlds apart. And yet, all three were changed by the same gospel and they were welcomed into the same church."*

**III. The Good News of Jesus is going to work through you despite your \_\_\_\_\_.**