



## SERMON NOTES

### The Book of Acts

Mother's Day

Pastor Carl Toti - May 11-12, 2019

*Acts 16:9-15 (NIV)*

*9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. 11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. 12 From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. 13 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. 14 One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. 15 When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.*

#### 1. SMALL BEGINNINGS LEAD TO \_\_\_\_\_ ENDINGS

*Zechariah 4:10a (NCV)*

*10 "The people should not think that small beginnings are unimportant..."*

#### 2. WHAT YOU VALUE DETERMINES YOUR \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 16:14a (NLT)*

*"One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God..."*

Your value is never in WHAT YOU DO or in WHAT YOU HAVE but in WHO YOU ARE.

*Psalms 49:8 (NKJV)*

*8 For the redemption of their souls is costly, And it shall cease forever--*

#### 3. A RECEPTIVE HEART YIELDS A \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE

*Acts 16:14b (NLT)*

*"...who worshiped God. As she listened to us, the Lord opened her heart, and she accepted what Paul was saying.*

How her conversion was confirmed.

#### (1) \_\_\_\_\_ FAITH

Her whole household came to faith.

#### (2) SHE OPENED HER \_\_\_\_\_ NOT JUST HER HEART

With no property available for a church she opened her home.

Different Kinds of Hearts?

A BROKEN HEART *Ps. 51:17*

AN OPEN HEART *Acts 16:14*

A SINGLE HEART *Eph. 6:5*

A PURE HEART *2 Tim. 2:22*

A TRUE HEART *Heb. 10:22*

A PURPOSED HEART *Acts 11:23*

A CHEERFUL HEART *Prov. 17:22*

*Acts 16:15 (NLT)*

*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.*

Answers:

1. BLESSED
2. VALUE
3. FRUITFUL
4. CONTAGIOUS
5. HOME