

Acts: Ordinary People. Extraordinary God.  
Lydia (Acts 16:11-40)

**Have you ever met someone famous?**

You and I can be ordinary and allow God to use us in extraordinary ways.

*So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.*

*(Acts 16:11-14)*

**Who is Lydia?**

Lydia is a successful businesswoman.

Three lessons we can learn from Lydia:

**1. FAITH AND LEADERS OF FAITH ARE NEEDED IN EVERYDAY SPACES.**

*After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left. (Acts 16:40)*

**2. THE GOSPEL IS EXTRAORDINARY FOR THE ORDINARY.**

**3. BE HOSPITABLE.**

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. (Hebrews 13:2)*

*Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. (1 Peter 4:9)*

*Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. (Romans 12:13)*

*Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry*

*and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?... (Matthew 25:34-46)*

*You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. (Leviticus 19:34)*

### Reflection Questions

1. How have the extraordinary realities of the Gospel transformed your ordinary life? Ponder on a personal example.
2. What are the ordinary spaces of your life where you can encourage others in extraordinary ways?
3. How can you show hospitality to others?

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