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Sunday Theme: **Unlikely Heroes**

Title: **Never Too Busy (Hindi Masyadong Abala)**

Text: **Acts 16:13-15 NIV**

¹³On 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. ¹⁴One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵When 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.

INTRODUCTION:

- Her name is Lydia. Lydia is also the name of the area she came from. So she's Lydia from Lydia. Lydia the Lydian. Lydia was an area in Asia Minor, and in that little area was the city of Thyatira.
- **Ang kanyang pangalan ay Lydia. Lydia din ang pangalan ng lugar na pinanggalingan niya. Siya ay si Lydia galing sa Lydia. Lydia the Lydian. Ang Lydia ay isang lugar sa Asia Minor, at sa maliit na lugar na iyon ay ang lungsod ng Thyatira.**
- Lydia was living in Thyatira, had become a God-fearer, she had turned to the God of Israel.
- **Si Lydia ay naninirahan sa Thyatira, naging may takot sa Diyos at bumaling siya sa Diyos ng Israel.**
- Thyatira was a very important place biblically because the church was placed there.
- **Ang Thyatira ay isang napaka-importanteng lugar sa bibliya dahil ang simbahan ay inilagay doon.**
- Lydia was a busy person. She's an enterprising woman, a wife, a mother, and a devout Jew.
- **Si Lydia ay isang abalang tao. Siya ay negosyanteng babae, asawa, nanay, at debotong Hudyo.**
- Thyatira was famous for purple dye used for purple clothing for royalty and ordinary folks.
- **Ang Thyatira ay sikat dahil sa purple dye na ginagamit para sa purple clothing ng mga Maharlika at ordinaryong tao.**
- They used to extract this purple dye drop by drop from a little thing called a murex, a shellfish.
- **Kinukuha nila ang kulay ube na ito na patak-patak mula sa isang maliit na bagay na tinatawag na murex, isang shellfish.**
- But despite her busy schedules she managed to pray, to worship, to serve, to support, to open her home as a center of worship.
- **Ngunit sa kabila ng kanyang abalang iskediyul ay nagawa niyang manalangin, sumamba, maglingkod, sumuporta, magbukas ng kanyang tahanan bilang sentro ng pagsamba.**
- In Christ, there is neither male nor female, there's equality in the sight of God.
- **Kay Kristo, walang lalaki o babae, may pagkakapantay-pantay sa paningin ng Diyos.**

OUTLINE:

A. Loving Service to Christ Involves Your Heart (v. 14) Ang Mapagmahal na Paglilingkod kay Kristo ay Kasama ang Iyong Puso

¹⁴One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message

- Lydia feared God. This lady worshiped God.
- **Si Lydia ay may takot sa Diyos. Siya ay sumasamba sa Diyos.**
- She has a willing and seeking heart. God will never shut Himself off from a seeking heart.

- Siya ay may pusong handa at naghahanap. Hindi kailanman isasarado ng Diyos ang Kanyang sarili mula sa isang pusong naghahanap.
- if there is a seeking heart, God will move heaven and earth to get to that seeking heart.
- kung may pusong naghahanap, igagalaw ng Diyos ang langit at lupa para makarating sa naghahanap na pusong iyon.
- God sent four important people - Paul, Silas, Luke, and Timothy - wandering between countries just to get to one lady. That's how much God will do to reach a seeking heart.
- Nagpadala ang Diyos ng apat na mahahalagang tao - sina Pablo, Silas, Lucas, at Timoteo - na gumagala sa mga bansa para lamang mapuntahan ang isang babae. Ganyan ang gagawin ng Diyos para maabot ang pusong naghahanap.
- Don't worry about your situation, if you are a seeker, God will meet you, God will reveal it to you.
- Huwag mag-alala tungkol sa iyong sitwasyon, kung ikaw ay isang naghahanap, sasalubungin ka ng Diyos, ihahayag ito sa iyo ng Diyos.
- God never lets anyone who seeks Him and wants to know His will come up empty.
- Hindi kailanman hinahayaan ng Diyos na ang sinumang naghahanap sa Kanya at gustong malaman ang Kanyang kalooban ay walang laman.
- Psalm 119:2 - "Blessed are those seek him with all their heart."
- Jeremiah 29:13 - "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
- So she was a seeker and God never turns down a seeker.
- Kaya siya ay isang seeker at hindi tinatanggi ng Diyos ang isang naghahanap.
- The Lord opened her heart and responded to God's call.
- Binuksan ng Panginoon ang kanyang puso at tumugon sa tawag ng Diyos.
- She knew there was a need and she responded to meet that need.
- Alam niyang may pangangailangan at tumugon siya para matugunan ang pangangailangan iyon.

B. Loyal Service to Christ Involves Your Home (v. 15) Ang Tapat na Paglilingkod kay Kristo ay Kasama ang Iyong Tahanan

¹⁵When 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.

- Lydia and her family accepted the Lord and had been baptized
- Tinanggap ni Lydia at ng kanyang pamilya ang Panginoon at nabinyagan
- Lydia must have had a tremendous influence.
- Tiyak na nagkaroon ng napakalaking impluwensya si Lydia.
- Acts chapter 16 is the household or family chapter.
- Ang Mga Gawa kabanata 16 ay ang kabanata ng sambayanan o pamilya.
- The next person that gets saved is the jailer and he gets saved and his whole household.
- Ang susunod na taong naligtas ay ang tagapagbilanggo at siya ay naliligtas at ang kanyang buong sambayanan.
- Your influence is paramount, particularly with your own household.
- Ang iyong impluwensya ay pinakamahalaga, lalo na sa iyong sariling sambayanan.
- God is building His church in Philippi through families.
- Itinatayo ng Diyos ang Kanyang simbahan sa Filipos sa pamamagitan ng mga pamilya.
- Lydia was the beginning of the church in Philippi. Lydia's home has become the church. (v. 15b)
- Si Lydia ang simula ng simbahan sa Filipos. Ang tahanan ni Lydia ay naging simbahan. (v. 15b)
- Lydia's house became the place where the church meets.

- Ang bahay ni Lydia ay naging lugar kung saan nagpupulong ang iglesia.
- Lydia became a leader in the church.
- Si Lydia ay naging pinuno sa simbahan.
- God uses women to fulfill His plan. God uses ladies to get His purposes done.
- Ginagamit ng Diyos ang mga babae para tuparin ang Kanyang plano. Ginagamit ng Diyos ang mga babae para magawa ang Kanyang mga layunin.
- Women are important in the church. The church in Thyatira began with a group of women.
- Ang mga babae ay mahalaga sa simbahan. Ang simbahan sa Thyatira ay nagsimula sa isang grupo ng mga kababaihan.
- Women have always played a very important part in God's work.
- Ang mga babae ay palaging gumaganap ng napakahalagang bahagi sa gawain ng Diyos.
- God has used women mightily.
- Makapangyarihang ginamit ng Diyos ang mga babae.
- How can your home be used to serve Christ?
- Paano magagamit ang iyong tahanan sa paglilingkod kay Kristo?

C. Lasting Service to Christ Involves Your Hands (v. 40) **Ang Pangmatagalang Paglilingkod kay Kristo ay Kasama ang Iyong mga Kamay**

⁴⁰After 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.

- She gave evidence of her salvation by the desire to be in the place that God designed her to be.
- Nagbigay siya ng katibayan ng kanyang kaligtasan sa pamamagitan ng pagnanais na mapunta sa lugar na idinisenyo ng Diyos sa kanya.
- There's not a higher calling in the world than being in the place where God designed you to be.
- Wala nang mas mataas na tungkulin sa mundo kaysa sa lugar kung saan idinisenyo ka ng Diyos.
- There is no greater and more glorious responsibility than to be in the ministry.
- Walang mas dakila at mas maluwalhating responsibilidad kaysa maging sa ministeryo.
- The generosity of feeding people, caring for people, and giving comfort to people is a tremendous ministry.
- Ang pagkabukas-palad ng pagpapakain sa mga tao, pag-aalaga sa mga tao, at pagbibigay ng aliw sa mga tao ay isang napakalaking ministeryo.
- God does not want to keep all women boxed up.
- Hindi nais ng Diyos na panatilihin nakahon ang lahat ng kababaihan.
- God knows that women have the most effective ministry
- Alam ng Diyos na ang mga babae ang may pinakamabisang ministeryo
- "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Is the Hand That Rules the World" is a poem by William Ross Wallace
- Women, don't underestimate your responsibility in the home and in the church.
- Mga kababaihan, huwag maliitin ang iyong responsibilidad sa tahanan at sa simbahan.
- It's really what moves the world.
- Ito talaga ang nagpapagalaw sa mundo.
- We, men are sort of authoritative figureheads. We know who operates behind the scenes.
- Tayo, ang mga lalaki ay uri ng mga authoritative figureheads. Alam namin kung sino ang nagpapatakbo sa likod ng mga eksena.

- Lydia was quick to perceive that what had been hers before her conversion—home, business, wealth, and possessions—now belonged to the Lord.
- Mabilis na naunawaan ni Lydia na kung ano ang naging kanya bago siya magbalik-loob—tahanan, negosyo, kayamanan, at ari-arian—ngayon ay pag-aari na ng Panginoon.
- Lydia, the businesswoman, after her conversion, made Christ her new partner.
- Si Lydia, ang babaeng negosyante, pagkatapos ng kanyang pagbabalik-loob, ay ginawang bagong kasama si Kristo.
- Lydia, the businesswoman, after her conversion, had a new purpose and a new goal - and that is to serve Christ.
- Si Lydia, ang babaeng negosyante, pagkatapos ng kanyang pagbabalik-loob, ay nagkaroon ng bagong layunin at bagong layunin - at iyon ay ang maglingkod kay Kristo.
- Lydia's career did not hinder her sharing the gospel with family and friends. And she was not too busy to take time to serve the Lord. (Acts 16:15)
- Ang karera ni Lydia ay hindi naging hadlang sa pagbabahagi niya ng ebanghelyo sa pamilya at mga kaibigan. At hindi siya masyadong abala para maglaan ng panahon para maglingkod sa Panginoon.

CONCLUSION:

- Allow God to use you. Belief and worship of God is not the end of our faith journey.
- Payagan ang Diyos na gamitin ka. Ang paniniwala at pagsamba sa Diyos ay hindi ang katapusan ng ating paglalakbay sa pananampalataya.
- He uses us as channels to work out his plan on earth. We just need to yield our life to him.
- Ginagamit niya tayo bilang mga daan upang maisagawa ang kanyang plano sa lupa. Kailangan lang nating ibigay ang ating buhay sa kanya.
- Pray for those who don't know Jesus yet, and pray for opportunities to reach out to them.
- Ipanalangin ang mga hindi pa nakakakilala kay Jesus, at manalangin para sa mga pagkakataong maabot sila.
- Thank you, God, for showing us how you can use us "busy" people for your glory.
- Salamat, Diyos, sa pagpapakita sa amin kung paano mo kami magagamit ng mga taong "abala" para sa iyong kaluwalhatian.
- Abundant blessings!

LPATH Discussion: Lessons from Lydia (Mga Aral mula kay Lydia)

A. Do you have the courage of Lydia? **May tapang ka ba kagaya ng kay Lydia?**

Lydia was the first European convert to Christianity. Lydia's home was the first church in Europe. Lydia was a pioneer in spreading the gospel. Her courage caused the gospel to spread to her household, and quite possibly to her business clients and neighbors.

Si Lydia ang kauna-unahang Europeong nagbalik-loob sa Kristiyanismo. Ang tahanan ni Lydia ang unang simbahan sa Europa.

Si Lydia ay isang pioneer sa pagpapalaganap ng ebanghelyo. Dahil sa kanyang katapangan na lumaganap ang ebanghelyo sa kanyang sambayanan, at posibleng sa kanyang mga kliyente at kapitbahay sa negosyo.

B. What are your fears of sharing Jesus? **Ano ang iyong mga takot sa pagbabahagi kay Jesus?**

Rejection or ridicule or other people's reactions?

God doesn't ask us to save others; that is His job. However, God asks us to know his truth and present that truth to others. We can't control other people's reactions, but we have control of our actions.

Pagtanggi o pangugutya o ang reaksiyon ng ibang tao?

Hindi hinihiling ng Diyos na iligtas natin ang iba; iyon ang Kanyang trabaho. Gayunpaman, hinihiling sa atin ng Diyos na malaman ang kanyang katotohanan at ipakita ang katotohanang iyon sa iba. Hindi natin makokontrol ang mga reaksiyon ng ibang tao, ngunit may kontrol tayo sa ating mga aksyon.

C. Do you have the generosity of Lydia? BLESS SOMEONE THIS WEEK and see how it changes your heart. Mayroon ka ba ng pagkabukas-palad ni Lydia? PAGPALAIN ANG ISANG TAO NGAYONG LINGGO at tingnan kung paano nito binabago ang iyong puso.

Lydia was well-to-do and had a big and comfortable home. Lydia shared her home and wealth with an open and generous heart. Because of her generosity, the small beginnings of the house church in Lydia's home grew to become a church that was the center of Christian outreach and worship.

Si Lydia ay may-kaya at may malaki at komportableng tahanan. Ibinahagi ni Lydia ang kanyang tahanan at kayamanan nang may bukas at mapagbigay na puso. Dahil sa kanyang pagkabukas-palad, ang maliit na simula ng bahay simbahan sa tahanan ni Lydia ay lumago upang maging isang simbahan na naging sentro ng Christian outreach at pagsamba.

D. In what ways do you use your time, money, and God-given talents to meet the needs of others? Sa paanong paraan mo ginagamit ang iyong oras, pera, at mga talentong bigay ng Diyos para matugunan ang mga pangangailangan ng iba?

Sometimes even the smallest things can make a big impact on someone in need.

Minsan kahit na ang pinakamaliit na bagay ay maaaring magkaroon ng malaking epekto sa isang taong nangangailangan.