

聖經人物 – 呂底亞

參考于師母 6 月 9 日的主日信息“隱藏在歷史中的兩顆珍珠 - 亞比該和呂底亞” (<http://www.svca.cc/audio/20130609-01.mp3>)，和姐妹聚會“聖經中的女人 24：呂底亞”。

主日信息大綱

詩歌：H179 “何能如此-如我也能”；其他“我要敬拜祢主”；H182 “深哉，深哉，耶穌的愛”；H535 “這些人是誰”；H540 “前去！我們口號”(v2,3)

背誦經文：… 神堅固的根基立住了；上面有這印記說：「主認識誰是他的人」；… 在大戶人家，不但有金器銀器，也有木器瓦器；有作為貴重的，有作為卑賤的。人若自潔，脫離卑賤的事，就必作貴重的器皿，成為聖潔，合乎主用，預備行各樣的善事。（提後 2：19-21）

I. 亞比該（撒下 25:1- 42, 27:3, 30:5; 撒下 2:2, 3:3）

背景：

1. 在不相稱的婚姻中，甘心服事她的丈夫
2. 在鄉野平凡的生活，卻關心神國大業
3. 在危機中，成為扭轉局面的關鍵
4. 對我們的提醒：
 - (1) 平凡中的卓越
 - (2) 敬畏神
 - (3) 在與人相交時，在乎神的旨意
 - (4) 美善的性格和屬靈的見識

II. 呂底亞（徒 16: 6-40, 腓 4:15-16）。

背景：

1. 不是神的選民，卻蒙神揀選
2. 對神的道有渴慕，有反應
3. 是腓立比教會蒙神喜悅的起點
4. 呂底亞的見證，成為我們行道的榜樣
 - (1) 渴慕聽道
 - (2) 立即傳福音，殷勤服事，接待遠人，打開家
 - (3) 復興從禱告開始，建立教會也從禱告開始
 - (4) 不被財富捆綁，願意火熱追求、事奉，為神家帶下極大的祝福

III. 兩位姐妹帶來的影響力 - 影響了分別在舊約及新約最重要的兩位男人

- 亞比該對大衛
- 呂底亞對保羅

小組查經/回饋大綱

1. 主日的信息中提到了呂底亞在以下四個方面成為我們行道的榜樣：

- 1) 渴慕聽道
- 2) 立即傳福音，殷勤服事，接待遠人，打開家
- 3) 復興從禱告開始，建立教會也從禱告開始
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上述每一個點對我們有什麼特別的提醒？請至少 4 位小組成員根據聖經中的記載（使徒行傳 16: 6-40，腓立比書 4:15-16）及信息的筆記來回答。

2. 保羅在腓立比書中提到腓立比的教會是“從頭一天直到如今，你們是同心合意地興旺福音”，請根據使徒行傳 16: 6-40 找出腓立比教會成立初期的特點。從中我們可以學習到什麼從而更有效地開展我們小組和全教會的福音工作。

3. **【父親節信息附加討論題】** 于弟兄在父親節的信息中提到了“風箏”的例子：“約翰·紐頓的作品中有一首詩名叫《風箏或驕者必敗》。這首詩描述一只想要掙斷線而自由飛翔的風箏，它說：「若得自由，我要乘風而去，衝破雲霄，無影無蹤。但是無奈，風箏線束我如同牢囚。」最後這只風箏終於掙斷了風箏線，它得到了夢寐以求的自由，只是這只風箏不僅沒能飛入雲霄，反而一頭栽入海裏。”這對我們有什麼提醒？什麼是聖經中提到的“真正的自由”？

Bible Figures — Lydia

Please refer to Pastor Nancy's Sunday message on 06/09: "Two Pearls Hidden in History - Abigail and Lydia" (<http://www.svca.cc/audio/20130609-01.mp3>), and the message series by Sisters Meeting "[Women in the Bible 24 - Lydia](#)".

Sunday message outline

Hymnary: H179 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain"; Other "I Worship You Lord"; H182 "Oh, The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus"; H535 "Washed In The Blood Of The Lamb"; H540 "Forward! Be Our Watchword"

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 25:1-42, 27:3, 30:5; 2 Samuel 2:2, 3:3; Acts 16: 6-40; Philippians 4:15-16

Memory Verse:... the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His,"... in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. (2 Timothy 2: 19-21)

(A) Abigail (1 Samuel 25:1-42, 27:3, 30:5, 2 Samuel 2:2, 3:3)

Background :

1. In a mismatched marriage, willingly served her husband
2. In a common rural life, cared for the works of the kingdom of God
3. In a time of crisis, became the key in turning the whole situation around
4. Reminders to us:
 - (1) Extraordinary out of the ordinary
 - (2) Fear of God
 - (3) Care about God's will when interacting with man
 - (4) Good character and wise advice

(B) Lydia (Acts 16: 6-40, Philippians 4:15-16)

Background:

1. Not part of God's chosen people, but was chosen by God
2. Had a longing and was responsive to God's Word
3. Was the start point where the Philippian church began to please God
4. Lydia's testimony becomes an example of how we should practice the Word
 - (1) Longed for God's Word
 - (2) Immediately spread the gospel, opened her house, received saints
 - (3) Revival starts from prayer, building up the church also starts from prayer
 - (4) Not bound by wealth, but pursued God, served God, was a great blessing to God's house

(C) The influence brought by the two sisters - they influenced the two most important men in the Old and New Testament

- Abigail to King David
- Lydia to Apostle Paul

Small Group Meeting Outline

1. It was mentioned by Pastor Nancy in her Sunday message that Lydia’s testimony became an example of how we should practice the Word in the following four aspects:
 - 1) Longed for God’s Word
 - 2) Immediately spread the gospel, opened her house, received saints
 - 3) Revival starts from prayer, building up the church also starts from prayer
 - 4) Not bound by wealth, but pursued God, served God, was a great blessing to God’s houseWhat can we learn from each of the above aspects? Please share according to Scripture (Acts 16:6-40, Philippians 4:15-16) and the Sunday message.
2. The church in Philippi pleased Paul “for [their] fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now”. According to Acts 16:6-40, what were the characteristics of the church in Philippi when it was initially formed? What can we learn from it to improve our small group and church gospel ministry?
3. **【Special topic】** Brother Yu shared a story of the “kite” in his Father’s Day special message:
John Newton once wrote a poem titled “The Kite; or Pride Must Have a Fall.” The kite in Newton’s poem dreamed of being cut free from its string: “Were I but free, I’d take a flight, / And pierce the clouds beyond their sight, / But, ah! Like a poor pris’ner bound, / My string confines me near the ground.” The kite does finally manage to tug itself free, but instead of soaring higher in the sky, it crashes into the sea.
What can we learn from this analogy? What is the biblical view on “real freedom”?