

# Ususable (Lydia)

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*Sermon Outline: Sunday, July 3rd, 2022*

## The “Unusable” LYDIA: Lady of Purple – Woman of God

### I. Background (Acts 16:1-10)

- Paul's second missionary journey
  1. Traveling with Silas, Timothy, and Luke
  2. The Holy Spirit prevented Paul from his desire to preach in Asia
  3. In Troas Paul had a vision to go help a man in Macedonia
- God directed Paul to Macedonia and ultimately to Lydia
  4. God intentionally sought out Lydia
  5. No one hears the Gospel by accident - God prepares the hearer as well as the speaker!

### II. The "Unusable" Lydia (Acts 16:11-14)

- Culture might classify Lydia as unusable...
  1. She was a woman in a patriarchal society.
  2. She was single in a culture structured around couples.
  3. She was a wealthy and influential businesswoman.
- No one is insignificant or unusable for God's good purposes
  1. God gladly uses women to further His kingdom - always has...always will!
  2. Being single is a gift from God and being married is a gift from God - God redeems all His children to serve in His Kingdom!
  3. Riches and influence only hamper our ability to serve God to the degree that we allow them to become idols - when we love money and power more than we love God.

### III. What should be the proper response to the Good News?

#### (Acts 16:15, 39)

- The only reasonable response...to repent and believe!
- Obedience flows from a transformed heart!
- Demonstrated by our love for God and our love for others

## IV. Applications

- How do you respond when doors to your plans are seemingly closed?
- Who is the Lydia in your life...just waiting to hear the Good News?
- What is your legacy? How does the way you live your life influence others for the Kingdom of God?