

DAY 28

WEDNESDAY,
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"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. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home." Acts 16:12-15a

N NEW BIRTH

PRAY THAT MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE
BORN AGAIN IN THE COMING SEASON.

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

What is the wise place to be when we start new things?

The wise place to be when we start new things is on our knees.

When Paul traveled to Philippi, for the first few days it does not seem that anything notable happened. But on Sabbath there is a shift. Following the model set by our Lord Jesus (Mark 1:35), they went out of the city to pray by the river. Then something new happens!

At the river, Lydia a wealthy merchant, who likely was a worshiper of Yahweh opens up to the message of the Gospel as proclaimed by Paul. Text is clear that it is the Lord who opened her heart. Paul and his team stayed at Lydia's house, which commentators believe likely became the first house church in Philippi. This new thing happened because Paul and his faithful team were on their knees.

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—Emmanuel Paulpeter*

It is human nature to not want to go to our knees before the Lord. But if we bow our stubborn knees, then new life shall begin!

TODAY'S PRAYER:

Lord, thank you for putting people [names] in my heart. I pray for miraculous opportunities for them to hear the Gospel, have an encounter with you and experience your healing love. May your people show up in prayer before your presence in a way that creates new life. May we pray in obedience!



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