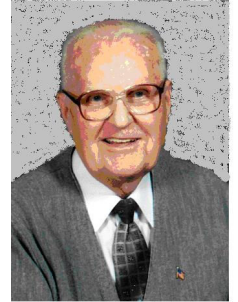




*It's the month of February when many express their love for one another on Valentine's Day. God expressed His love for you by sending His Son to die for your sins. The resurrected Christ is knocking at your heart's door for entrance.  
He wants to give you a new heart.  
Will you let Him in?*

## *“Open Heart Surgery”*



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*Our story has to do with a woman who worshipped God without knowing the true God as her savior. It reminds us of the man called Nicodemus in John 3, who was righteous but lost. Jesus said to him: “Ye must be born again” John 3:7.*

*“And a certain woman, named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, who worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken by Paul.”*

*-Acts 16:14*

***Lydia worshipped God out in the OPEN: –  
“by a riverside”  
-Acts 16:13***



It was a prayer meeting conducted by women who had a burden, but were wrong – sincerely wrong. God saw the need and sent the Apostle Paul to them, like He did in Acts 17:23, where Paul is recorded as saying, “(the unknown God)...Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you.”

***God OPENED her heart: –  
“...whose heart the Lord opened” -Acts 16:14***



We can talk to others about Christ, but only God can open their hearts to receive His best. Salvation cannot be forced upon anyone. Christ knocks at the heart's door, but we must open the door to let Him in. Note Rev. 3:20. He makes Himself known to us by someone witnessing to us, through tracts, etc.

***Lydia OPENED her house to God's servants: -  
“Come into my house and abide there” -Acts 16:15***



One of the marks of true conversion is a willingness to do things with love for God, as it was with Zacchaeus – one who received Christ as Savior, and then wanted to return money he had stolen – Luke 19:8. Someone put it this way: “When salvation is real in a person's life, even his dog will know it.

***That OPENED the way for the Church of Philippi to begin: -Philippians 1:3-6***



Little is much if God be in it. Women meeting by the riverside; One gives her heart to God, a short time later the Philippian jailer's heart is opened, beginning a chain reaction leading to the formation of a church with a “**born again**” Bible message.

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