

FEARLESS FAITH
Three Women of the New Testament
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LYDIA WAS THE FIRST CONVERT IN EUROPE

One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who 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. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Acts 16:14-15 NIV

1. Lydia became the first convert of Europe.
2. Lydia persuaded Paul and Silas to stay in her home.
3. Her home became the cradle of the church in Philippi.

PRISCILLA WAS A LEADER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

Acts 18:2-4 NIV

Historical references to Priscilla:

1. Church father Tertullian said "By holy Prisca, the gospel is preached."
2. One of the oldest catacombs of Rome named in her honor, The Coemeterium Priscilla.
3. A church "Titulus St. Prisca," was erected in Aventine Rome.
4. Her name is on monuments all over Rome.
5. Legendary writing, Acts of St. Prisca in the tenth century.

PHOEBE - A SERVANT OF THE CHURCH IN CENCHREA

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me.

Romans 16:1-2 NIV

1. Our Sister.
2. Servant
3. Protector
4. Helper of Paul

Do I want to know what God's plan is for my life?

Do I believe God wants to use me here and now? In what ways is He already using you?