

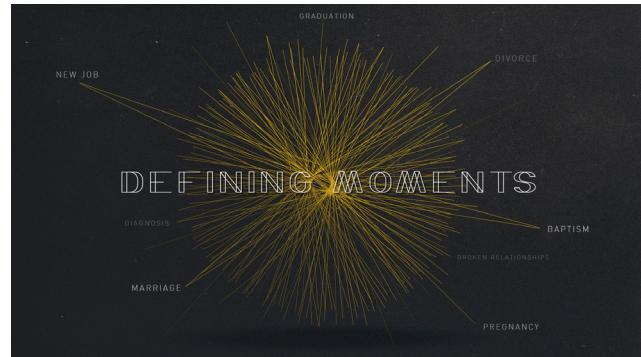


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BREAKING THE ICE

What was the best Mother's Day gift you have ever given to your mom?

Besides your own mom, do you have another influential mom in your life? Who is she?



MAIN CONTENT

This week we had Annie F. Downs speak about a woman named Lydia in the Bible and the defining moments in her life.

Your defining moments aren't just about you. As we read about Lydia's defining moments, we see they affected more than just her, they affected her family, friends, small group, city and eventually...the world.

Read Acts 16:13-15

The story of Lydia is short but has a lot of impact. Lydia was very social. She had a family; she adopted the Jewish religion; she was a small business owner; she hosted family, houseguests and a small group at her home. She was a busy woman but knew she needed more than all of these things in her life, so chose to be a follower of Jesus. Her decision created a lasting impact on those around her.

1. Do you or have you ever had a Lydia in your life (someone that has had a lasting impact on you)?



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When Lydia chose to follow Jesus, it affected her life but also everyone around her. Lydia's decision affected her whole family as they chose to follow Jesus as well.

2. Was there someone in your life whose decision to follow Jesus made an impact on your relationship with Jesus? Explain.

After Lydia's decision to follow Jesus, she had another defining moment by choosing to get baptized. Her family followed her decision and chose to get baptized as well.

3. Whose defining moments have made a change in your life?
4. What changed in your life based on those defining moments?

Lydia's faith not only changed her family, but it also affected many more. Lydia was the first European Christian convert. Her faith helped spread Christianity around Europe.

5. Have you had a defining moment in your life that has affected more than just yourself? Explain.

All of our defining moments affect more than just us. How we respond to our defining moments and other's defining moments is important. It can help build character and give an opportunity for growth in our lives.

6. How do you respond to others' defining moments in your life?
7. Who can you thank for a defining moment that has affected you in your life?



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PRAYER

God, thank you for the defining moments that have affected my life and given the opportunity for growth and character building. Show us where others' defining moments have made a lasting impact on our lives and help us thank those who created those defining moments. In Jesus name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

This week take time to think about others' defining moments in your life that have affected you. Write a note, send an email, text, or make a call to that person thanking them for how their defining moment affected you positively.

Come back next week to let your group know how it went.