

Southern African Union (SAU) Young Adventist Women's  
Ministries (YAWM) Emphasis Day - 31 July 2021

Where He leads  
I will go...



A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps. Proverbs 16:9



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# **Young Adventist Women's Ministries Emphasis Day**

**31 July 2021**

## ***Where He Leads, I Will Go...***

*Sermon written by Noxolo Fani  
a Social Entrepreneur & Business Woman*



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My Dear Sisters in Christ

Blessings to you all

Kindly receive the resource pack of 2021 for YAWM Emphasis Day titled "Where He leads, I will Go" Our sermon is written by Noxolo Fani, a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led young Social Entrepreneur and Business woman worshipping at Johannesburg North SDA Church.

We live in a world where people do not want to be led and directed by the Lord. Many trust in their own limited power and wisdom. But Proverbs 3:5-6 says, encourages us to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and lean not in our own understanding. In all our ways we need to acknowledge Him and He will direct our path.

It is my prayer that all our young women could depend or rely on God's guidance. Their steps must be ordered by the Lord and include God in all their plans. May this day bring a revival to their souls.

Enjoy God's Choicest Blessings

Blessings

Zodwa Kunene  
SAU Women's Ministries Director

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Time: 4pm

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# NOXOLO FANI

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## COURSES AND STUDIES COMPLETED

- University of Johannesburg – Multi Media
- Midlands College - Small Business management and Entrepreneurship
- US Embassy South Afriyca - One Minute Academy: Virtual Video Production Workshop
- GIBS Strategic Leadership
- YALI RLC Sothorn Africa Civic Leadership
- Learn to Lead: Going Green for Business Entrepreneurs
- Learn to Lead: Empowering Women Entrepreneurs
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## ABOUT

Noxolo Fani is a young Christian woman, born and bred in the Eastern Cape famously known for our late president Nelson Rholihlahla Mandela.

She is the founder of Platform Excel, an interactive inexpensive online career guidance platform that uses Gamification and Robotic process Automation to enhance, and personalize the journey of career selection for learners' grade 8 to 12.

She is also an entrepreneur running a company in the construction sector and has built many solid business allies and friendships along the way.

Growing up in the small town of Uitenhage with her mother and grandparents she was a determined little girl and has remained so, now a young woman who believes there is a bigger world to experience and many young people who need guidance.

She has a love for young fresh minds that still hold so much love, faith and hope.

Noxolo started her journey as a social entrepreneur while in church leading young people and would get invited to talk at youth engagements. Having been mentored a lot on her own journey of growth she has a passion for building up youth and has been invited to be a guest speaker at numerous engagements for youth and women.

Having worked with youth for a number of years in her personal capacity and secured mentorships/learner-ships for them in various companies such as SANBS and Ogilvy Johannesburg to name a few she continues to strive to reach more young people who need support and guidance.

In her Journey she strongly believes in mentorship, she has been guided and mentored by a number of people in her different fields of interest such as:

- Group Five's Jacques Robbertze,
- WBHO long standing concrete specialist Arlindo Da Costa and Director Sibusiso Mwandla,
- UDM leader Bantu Holomisa, aiding her in her journey with respective wisdom
- CEO of Motseng investment holdings Ipeleng Mkhari a dynamic self-made business woman
- FNB Regional Director and Head: Businessy Premium Collaboration Michelle Geraghty

Noxolo believes if prepared well we can build a strong youth that can thrive whilst living in the volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous world we live in.

## ENGAGEMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Invited and Attended "Conference for the future of South Africa" Ahmed Kathrada Foundation July 2017
- Invited and Attended "National Convention of South Africa" September 2017
- Invited and Attended "Dialogue: Advancing Young Women As Drivers of Democracy" Partnership with Business Leadership South Africa, SAUS and Johannesburg Holocaust Genocide Centre, September 2017
- Invited and Interviewed by radio station Masala World Wide as the Woman crush Wednesday for young female entrepreneurs, attended, March 2018
- Selected as one of the "Red Bull Amaphiko Cape Town Connect" social entrepreneur. Attended 21-22nd April 2018
- Invited to be a guest speaker for young girls, attended, Sedaven High School Heidelberg, May 2018
- Invited to be a speaker for Mother and Daughter breakfast by SDA Northern Conference Womens Ministries, Premier Hotel OR Tambo, 9 August 2018
- Invited to be a guest speaker by TIBER Construction for a women's month Ladies Lunch, TIBER Head Office, 10 August 2018
- Traveled and interviewed on Mhlobo Wenene radio station as a Young woman running a construction company 2019
- Addressed women in business at the Government Department of Women event in Sandton representing young female entrepreneurs in Construction 2019
- Is an Investec Alumnus for young entrepreneurs in South Africa 2019
- Travelled to Berlin, Germany for Investec Global Exposure Program 2019
- Selected for US Embassy South Africa virtual workshop 2021
- Is an Alumnus for YALI (Young Africa Leaders Initiative) 2021
- Graduated YALI RLC Cohort 11 Civic Leadership 2021

## **Order of Service**

Song Service

Sabbath School

Theme Song: “Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go”

Vernacular: 148

SDA Hymnal: 508

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Special Song

Sermon

Sabbath Closing

Prayer Session

SAU YAWM SABBATH SCHOOL

OVERALL THEME: WHERE HE LEADS I WILL GO...

31 JULY 2021

SABBATH SCHOOL THEME:

God already has a purpose for you.....

ORDER OF PROGRAM

THEME SONG: Hymn 136: Where He may lead me I will go ....

OPENING PRAYER:

WELCOME: MC

MUSIC INTERLUDE:

INTRODUCTION: MC

KEY TEXTS RECITALS:

PROPS: In line with bible characters, cell phones

Skit:

4 Presenters and 4 or 2 Bible texts reciters

Bible texts recitals

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (Jer. 29:11& 12)

## **Presenter 1\* Monologue\***

Of all the questions that we have encountered in life one of the hardest questions to answer is; What we are supposed to do?

**Sometimes this question pertains to our spiritual growth:** Have I found my purpose? Some say my purpose will find me. But when?

## **Incoming video call\*\* ring ring ring**

“Oh, just in time!! I really need answers that do not frustrate me any further.

## **[Answers the call]**

## **Presenter: 2\*Paul\***

Hello,.... I got your message. I see you are pondering on a question that many people have trouble answering. I've invited some friends to share with you how we managed to discover our purpose.

Your purpose may be discovered by answering a call.

Beware of answering the wrong call and be careful how you respond to it.

**Presenter 1:** But why? I just answered your call, didn't I?

## **Presenter 2:**

Yes, you did, but I kind of answered the wrong call when I was younger. You're blessed you have the word to help you these days. I answered a call that I believed was my purpose and look at what my actions resulted in. I brought pain, misery, and anguish to many believers of Christ because I believed that I had found my purpose and that I was doing the right thing in destroying the church of God.

It was only after I met Jesus on the road to Damascus that I found my true purpose. Only God can give you clarity of purpose,



## Verse recital

**“Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light to my path.” (Psalm 119:105)**

By listening to the word of God I knew that my purpose was to spread the gospel to all the people of the world.

Through my purpose many barriers were overcome. For example, because of my background I was better equipped to interact with elite during my time than many of the disciples who followed Christ.

Today you read my teachings about Christ and God's love thousands of years later.

So, you see answering just any call is not good enough, you must answer the right call.

The world has many callers many aligned with the devil. If we do not guard our hearts, we will be called to the world.

## Verse recital

**Romans 12:2 “Do not conform to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”**

Always be ready to answer when God calls you because your purpose will change with time and circumstances. Ask my fellow believer, **the Little slave girl she'll tell you.**

## Presenter 3 \* The Little slave girl \*

Hi guys! It's very true that because of circumstances beyond our control you might feel that you are without a purpose.

Back then I had lost everything because of war. I was in a strange place and as a slave I had lost my autonomy as a person. I could not make any decisions about my life followed orders. Yet in all that I can honestly say that I still found my true purpose. God gave me a purpose of sharing His love with my captors. I remember how terrified I was of my masters. I could barely speak!

Despite my circumstances, I realized that I had to speak up because God wants to relieve us of our suffering. I had to share that I knew about the power of God and the great things that he can do.

I know that when your freedom to do what you want, whenever you want is taken away you tend to feel that you have no voice too. Rest assured that God will reveal your true purpose even then. I mean did you hear what Esther did. She could have been killed. Right Esther?

#### **Presenter 4\*Esther\***

Let me just say, my knees knocked against each other that day when I appeared before the King. It was a time of fear and uncertainty. There were forces at work trying to destroy my whole tribe, you know the story. All I can say is your true purpose will find you wherever you are. You must be willing to listen and heed the call when the time comes. There will be many distractions around you many calls to focus on other things. Trust me, most of the girls who went with me to the King's palace were more concerned about their beauty regiments and their appearance than about saving our people.

My true purpose required me to be brave to do something unconventional, because it had to be done. I had to put my life on the line to fulfil my purpose. Some people hated me because of my true purpose. I trusted that God was in charge and He would take care of everything else.

### **Verse recital**

**“He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.” (Psalm 23:2-3)** | I only did what I was meant to do with the resources available to me. I had a platform that only I could utilize. I made sure to use it to the best of my abilities. Sometimes doing what you are capable of is all you need to fulfil your purpose, because God will put you in the perfect position to find your purpose. Remember God’s assurance to Jeremiah when He felt shaken in His faith in God’s purpose for His life,

### **Verse recital**

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jer. 29:11)** Do I need to say anything more?

### **Presenter 1**

Wow! I believe I have my answer. It is so simple when I feel lost or unsure of what to do I must **trust** in God to lead me where he wants me.

I keep learning that God did not create me to be meaningless I was created with **a plan** in mind. There are certain things that only I can do. All the promises in His Word are meant for me to realize my potential.

The Lord has made provisions for me as I navigate life, to ensure that I will recognize His voice when He calls me to action. I have many people to emulate from the bible, people whose experiences teach me to listen for the voice of God in whatever circumstance I find myself in. **Amen!**

**Written by Aqualene Rugwindira**

## Theme Song

### **Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go**

Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go,  
Anywhere He leads me in this world below.  
Anywhere without Him, dearest joys would fade;  
Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid.

Anywhere! Anywhere! Fear I cannot know.  
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go.

Anywhere with Jesus I am not alone,  
Other friends may fail me, He is still my own.  
Though His hand may lead me over dreary way,  
Anywhere with Jesus is a house of praise.

Anywhere with Jesus I can go to sleep,  
When the darkling shadows round about me creep  
Knowing I shall waken never more to roam,  
Anywhere with Jesus will be home, sweet home.

## SERMON

### WHERE HE LEADS I WILL GO

Written by: Noxolo Fani

All of us are different with different purposes and your particular gift and experience is there to help make the world a better place.

How willing is your heart to go where God leads?

How receptive are your ears to the voice of God?

How tuned in is your spirit to the Holy Spirit of God?

How sure are you that you are, where God intended for you to be?

"But I protested, 'Oh no, Lord, GOD! Look, I don't know how to speak since I am only a youth'" (Jer. 1:6). Jeremiah felt inadequate as a public speaker. By the way, this excuse was shared by Moses (Ex. 4:10).

Being young sometimes gives us the false hope that we will be around forever. We put off the things of God for later. We put off important decisions to have fun and do what we call "enjoying our youth"

Today we must realize that although we are not marching across a desert like the Israelites or fighting battles with the Philistines, we are still fighting the inward battle to follow God no matter how hard or how much it costs.

"I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born" (Jer. 1:5). The verb know has much more meaning than simply being aware of. It carries the idea of recognition of the worth and purpose of him who is known. God knew Jeremiah, chose Jeremiah, and appointed Jeremiah. He was known by name, hand-picked by God, and commissioned to serve. Those acts give one a great sense of purpose. The promise of God's purpose allows us to let go of our own plans and to receive God's plan without fear. Like Jeremiah and Jesus, we need to accept that our future is not our own. We are God's. He has a distinct plan and purpose for our lives.

In the Christian world, we can find all sorts of excuses not to obey God's voice or to follow where He leads: "It's the preacher's job." "It's not my gift." "I've already served, let someone else do it." "I'm too busy or too tired or too old or too young."

It has been said, "Excuses are tools of the incompetent, and those who specialize in them seldom go far." Ben Franklin wrote, "He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else." Gabriel Meurier stated, "He who excuses himself, accuses himself."

God has a way to overcome weakness and our insufficiencies, doesn't he? I have learned over the years, however, that the person most aware of his own inadequacy is usually the person most dependent on God's all-sufficiency. My inadequacy has caused me to rely upon God. His strength is made perfect in my weakness. His glory is manifested through my flaws.

There is absolutely nothing we cannot achieve if God is with us.

Has God given you a gift?

An ability that can be used to glorify His name and help others?

Has God been making you question your decisions lately?

Have you been wondering what is it that makes you unique?

Have you been dwelling on the fact that there must be more to life?

There is more to life!

Deuteronomy 28:13

And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath, if thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them.

Do you want to be the head and not the tail? It is within your reach.

BUT there are some things you need to do in order to reach your best potential and fulfil whatever Godly quest has been set before you were even born.

HEARKEN unto the commandments of the Lord thy God this day. Not tomorrow not next week. This day. Observe and Do them.

Our talent may at times even appear inadequate, but God always equipped His children. We have the promise of God's provision. "Then the LORD reached out His hand, touched my mouth, and told me: I have now filled your mouth with My words" (Jer. 1:9).

Be courageous. Trust the God of creation. He who speaks and there is. The God who is Love and Truth can never mislead His children. We are because He is. May God Lead you to His truth for that is the only truth. The world may try to sell you so called "truths" BUT know this, Gods truth is the only truth for your life.

WOMEN IN  
THE BIBLE:  
LYDIA  
AND ME

# A HOSPITABLE BUSINESSWOMAN



10  
LESSON

## WOMEN IN THE BIBLE: LYDIA AND ME

### INTRODUCTION

Lydia is mentioned in only two short passages in the Bible, both in the book of Acts, but what is said tells us a lot about her.

Lydia is the first woman named in Scripture who is described as a retailer. She was a successful businesswoman. Her name originally might have been the designation of her home. She came from Thyatira, a city in the western part of Lydia in Asia Minor.

Lydia's life reveals to us a God who longs for a relationship with His people.

### DISCOVER

- \* Her Business Skills
- \* Her Gift of Hospitality
- \* Her Character

### GOING DEEPER

1. What did Paul and the others do as they met with the women who had gathered by the river? (Acts 16:12-13)

2. Lydia is named in verse 14. What business was Lydia engaged in?

Note: This was a type of cloth prized for its purple color.

3. Whom did she worship? (Verse 14)

4. What effect did Paul's message have on her? (Verse 24)

5. What further step did she and members of her household take? (Verse 15)

6. Quote the gracious words she used as she opened her home to Paul and his companions. (Verse 15)

7. Was this a one-time invitation, or did Paul and Silas return to her house? (Verse 40)

8. Paul closes this short account of her life saying "and she persuaded us." (Verse 15, NIV) What does this suggest about her?

### WORDS FOR TODAY

9. Which was more important to Lydia, her business or the comfort of fellow believers? Why do you say this?



# LYDIA

A COMMON NAME MEANING "BENDING"

KEY SCRIPTURE: ACTS 16:12-40

10. Am I as ready to practice the gift of hospitality as Lydia was?

11. If not, am I perhaps overly concerned with the appearance of my house and whether or not I have food prepared that is elegant enough for guests? Or am I ready to welcome guests to share whatever I have?

12. How can we apply the principle of hospitality in our church?

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Some of the women we study in these lessons were maids, servants, or very poor. In contrast, Lydia was a successful business woman. What are some of the advantages each of these two categories has? What are some problems or temptations that might come to each group?

2. Assuming she has the ability, would you encourage a woman to become a businessperson? Why, or why not?

## WORDS OF WISDOM

1 Peter 4:9 (NIV) reminds us to "offer hospitality to one another without grumbling."

Ellen White gives us a reason to ponder true hospitality: "Even among those who profess to be Christians, true hospitality is little exercised. Among our own people the opportunity of showing hospitality is not regarded as it should be, as a privilege and a blessing. There is altogether too little sociability, too little of a disposition to make room for two or three more at the family board without embarrassment or parade. Some plead that 'it is too much trouble.' It would not be if you would say, 'We have made no special preparation but you are welcome to what we have.' By the unexpected guest a welcome is appreciated far more than in the most elaborate preparation" (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 6, p. 343).

"Pleasant voices, gentle manners, and sincere affection that finds expression in all the actions, together with industry, neatness, and economy, make even a hovel the happiest of homes. The Creator regards such a home with approbation" (*Signs of the Times*, Oct. 2, 1884).

Our Savior is pleased when we extend hospitality to all. Lydia did not allow her business to interfere with opening her home to others.

Notes:

## **YOUNG WOMEN UNITED IN PRAYER PROGRAM**

### **METHOD 1:**

Each young woman choose 5 or more in her Whatsapp, Telegram, Twitter or church bulletin contacts.

Using the voice note or typing, send each one of them a Prayer of blessing and encouragement over the following and more aspects: Health, Future, Relationships, Finance, Career, School work, Self-Esteem, Walk with God, Mental health issues, Prayer life, Decisions, Personal Project etc.

### **METHOD 2:**

If you are able to meet at church, park or any place that is convenient and safe as young women, pray for each other in 2's Blessing and encouraging one other. Then rotate until you bless all in the group. Please use focus pointers used in Method 1

You may add more points as you see the need