

Aquila and Priscilla

Acts 18:18:1-28

Acts 18:1-4

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks.

Acts 18:18-21

After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila. At Cenchreae he had cut his hair, for he was under a vow. And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there, but he himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. When they asked him to stay for a longer period, he declined. But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus.

Acts 18:24-28

Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

A Christian Marriage

- Is your marriage “My Story”?
- Is your marriage “Our Story”?
- Is your marriage “God’s Story”?
- Three views of life:
 - Treadmill
 - Saga
 - Pilgrimage

The Potential of a Christian Marriage

- A sense of shared destiny, pilgrimage
- An awareness of something God-sized is happening through you, something that God is doing for eternity
- People who have touched you all through your life.
- People you will have touched all through your life.
- Immeasurable potential for life.
- Anticipation of entering heaven to meet again these people.

The traits of Aquila and Priscilla

- **Because of their faith ...**
- **Spontaneous Service – hardships were opportunities**
- **Supportive Service – they supported one another and others in ministry**
- **Specific Service – they gave themselves to serve in specific places with specific people**

1. Spontaneous Service – hardships were opportunities

- Expelled from Rome because they were Jews**
- There had been a growing Christian community in Rome among the Jews**
- They came to Corinth and looked for opportunities**
- Inconveniences become conveniences for people of faith**

Romans 8:28-29

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Because of Christ

- I can trust God in all circumstances
- Where I am and what I am doing does not matter nearly as much as whether or not I am following Christ there.
- In your home it does not matter if you get your way or not.
- What matters is if Christ is glorified.
- And if you (and the others) are being formed into His image.

2. Supportive Service – they supported one another and others, like Paul and Apollos

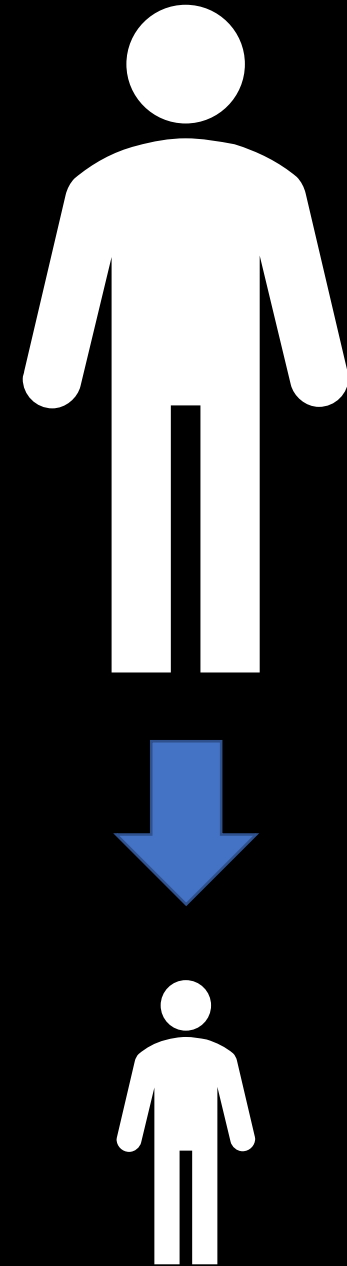
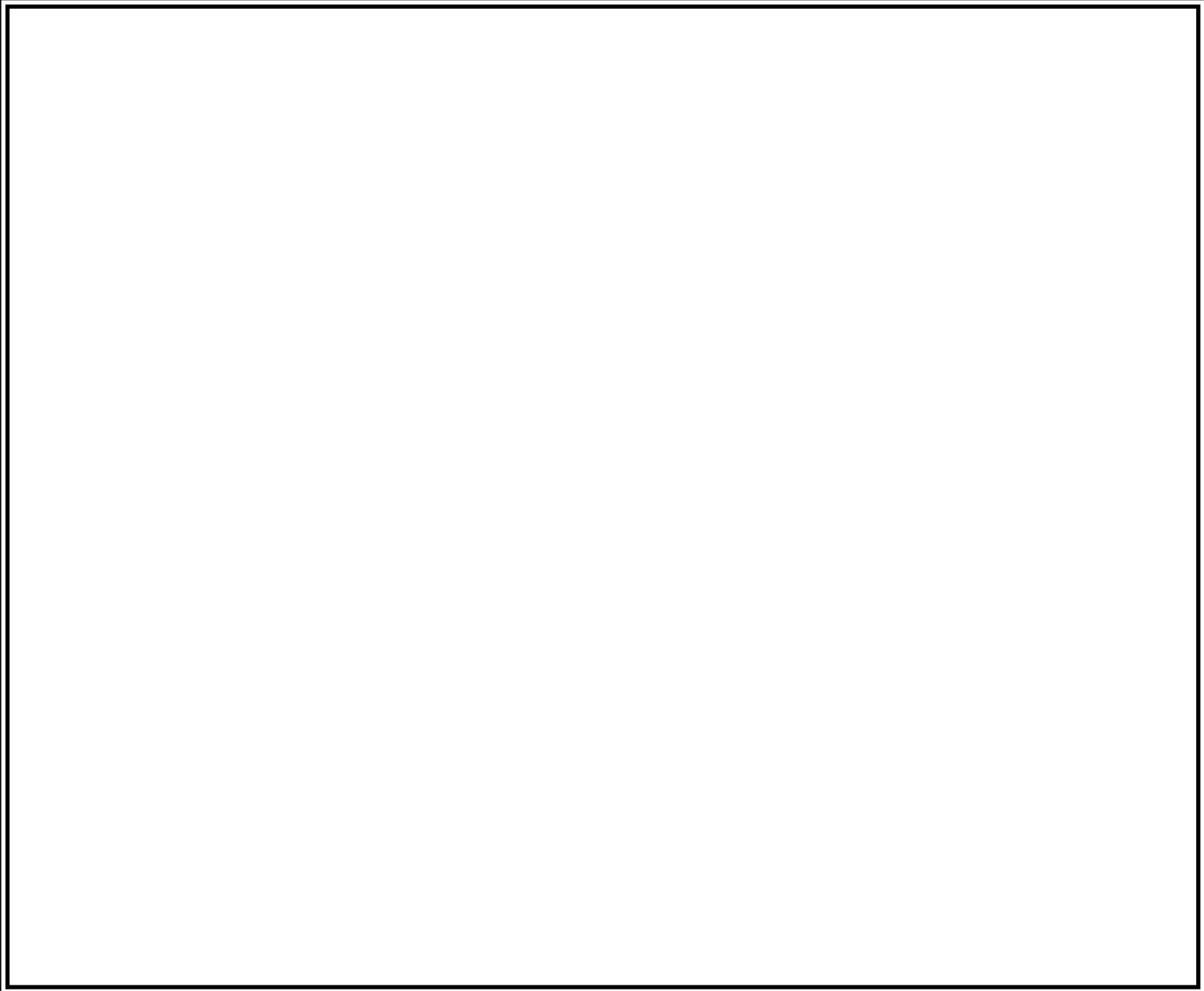
- **How to multiply your life's influence.**
- **A strong biblical pattern of helping those who serve**
 - **Abraham and Melchizedek**
 - **The Shunemite and Elisha**
 - **Philemon who gave generously to the apostles**
- **“Whoever gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will not lose his reward” (Mark 9:41).**

Their support to others

- Tent making, *homotechnon*, the same technology or craft.
- They helped encourage Paul and served beside him.
- They took a young brilliant orator named Apollos under their wing, to encourage him and teach him.
- They risked their lives for Paul: Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who have risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. (Rom. 16:3-4).

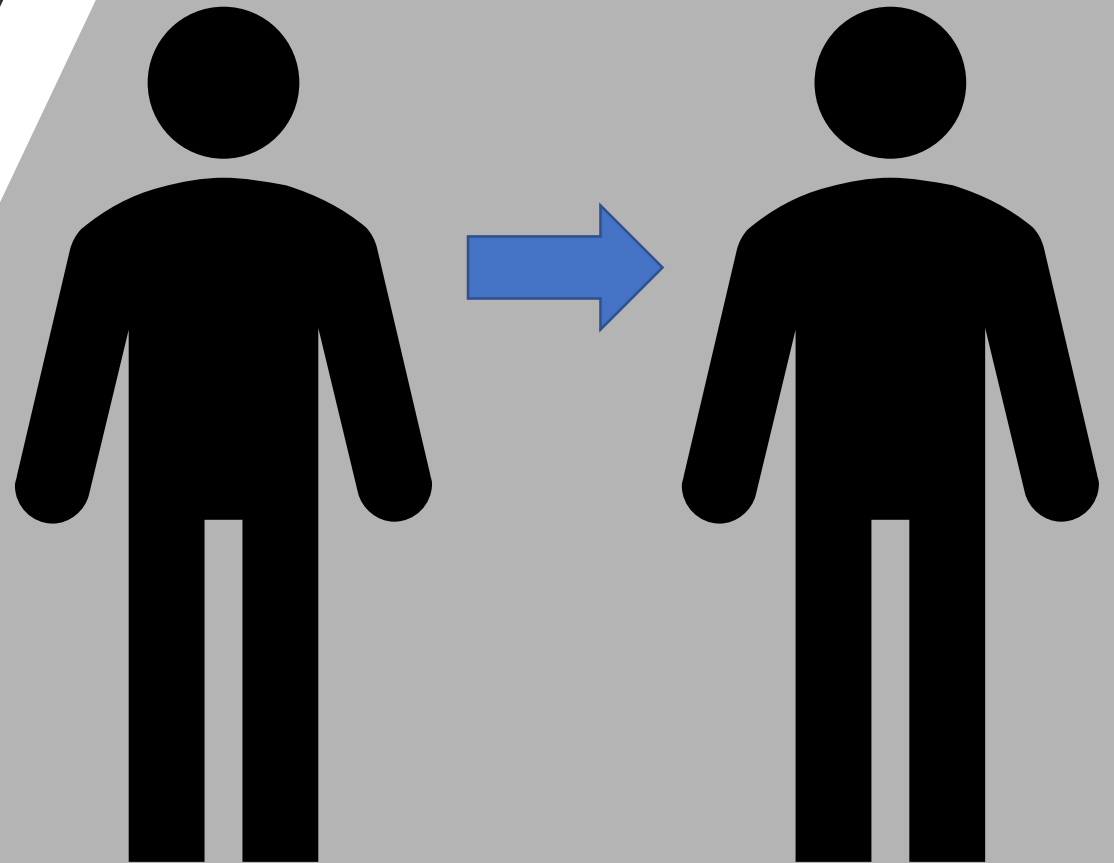
Their support to one another

- **“Aquila and Priscilla,” at first...**
- **Then, “Priscilla and Aquila”**
- **“He that refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” (Prov 11:25)**



The Strong Leader

- Empowers others
- Helps them to succeed
- Lifts them up
- Encourages them
- Expands his own influence



3. Specific Service – they served in specific places

- **Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, then back to Rome**
- **“To the church that meets in their house” (Rom. 16:5)**
- **“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor” (Eccl. 4:9).**
- **Support each other’s spiritual gift: Encouragement, helps, mercy, faith, teaching, hospitality**



A little while, we are in eternity;
before we find ourselves there,
let us do much for Christ.

~ Ann Hasseltine Judson

Adoniram Judson



There is no success without sacrifice. If you succeed without sacrifice it is because someone has suffered before you. If you sacrifice without success it is because someone will succeed after.

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