



[Unifying \(Aquila & Prisca\)](#)

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Selected texts
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[Life Change: We are unifying forces for the Lord](#)

“Unite or Die”...

Aquila & Prisca keeps their heads together in dark times **Acts 18:1-4**

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And give thanks in the Fall
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Even on their knees they looked so tall
In 1951
“1951” John Fowler, Michael Aguilar & Bob Bennett

Prisca & Aquila sacrificed for others out of love **Acts 18:3, 18**

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Prisca & Aquila did not confuse unity with uniformity **Acts 18:24-26**

Aquila & Prisca let people grow and change **Acts 18:27-28**

Prisca & Aquila also always functioned as one **2 Timothy 4:19**

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Timothy

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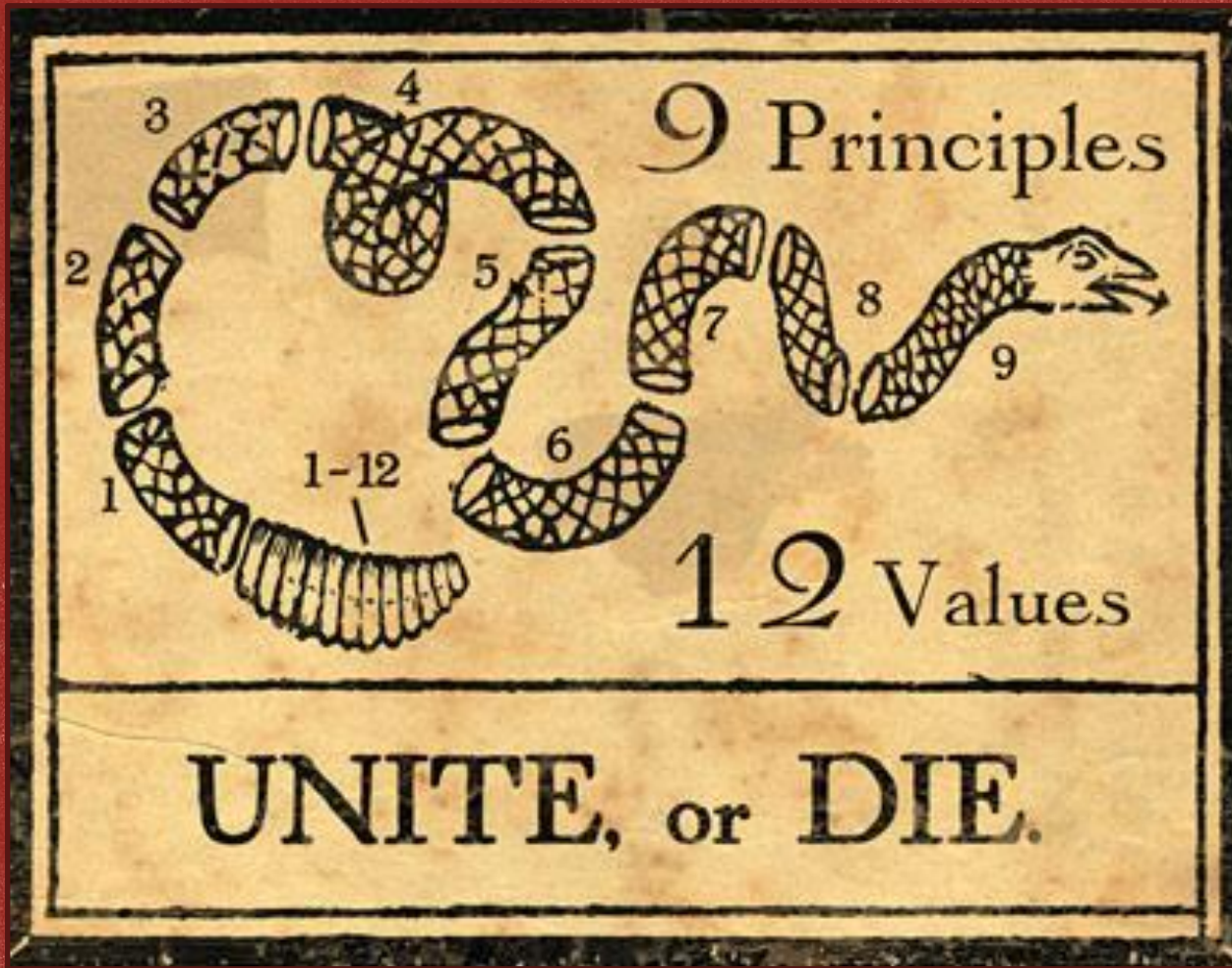
Titus

TIMOTHY

Barnabas

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE





²³ I am in them and you are in me,
so that they may be made
completely one,
that the world may know
you have sent me
and have loved them
as you have loved me.

John 17 CSB

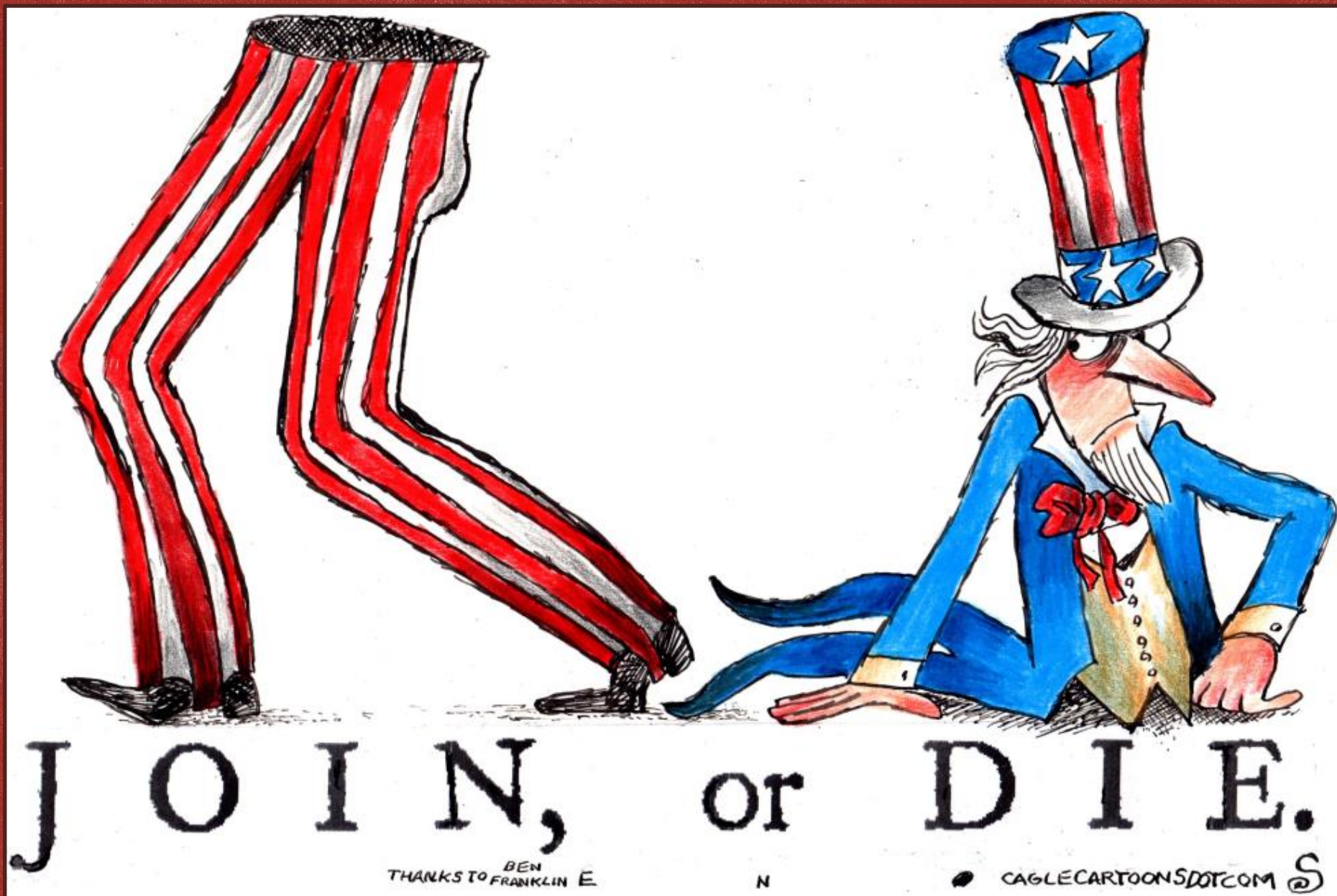


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It's the best way to battle temptations. We do a lot of hanging out...cookouts, bonfires, watching sports – anything to not be alone and bored. – 23 year-old man



[We] have gotten flabby in this area. We used to host dinners and game nights but have wound those down over the years due to both perceived “busyness” (i.e., “I’d rather watch a show.”) and our own subtle worship of our own kids/families (i.e., “It’s little Johnny’s last Tuesday of the fall semester as a sophomore *ever* and we need to just be together as a family.”)

– Ted Kluck, “Fasting and Feasting”



Where can we learn
how to help the body
function together?



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Main routes of Jews fleeing the City of Rome under Claudius



From *The Twelve Caesars* by Gaius Suetonius

Impulsore
Chresto
“Because
of Chresto”

lis & ostia singulas cohortes ad arcentios incendiis locauit.
Peregrinae conditionis homines uetuit usurpare romana nomina dum
taxat gentilia ciuitatem. R. usurpantes in campo esquilino securi per
cussit prouincias achaiam et macedoniam quas tiberius ad curam suam
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quasi romane gentis auctoribus tributa in perpetuum remisit recitata uetere
epistula greca senatus populusq: R. seleuco regi amicitiam et societatem ita
demum pollicentis si consanguineos suos ilienses ab omni onere immunes
praestitis & iudeos impulsore chresto assidue tumultuantis roma expulit
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cia commotus quo diu popularia deducti cum anim aduersis sent parthos
& armoenios sedentis in senatu ad eadem loca sponte transierant nihilo dete
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courtesy CNN



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Panic



Prayer



Captain John Paul Jones
N.C. Wyeth
1940



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In Nineteen-Hundred and Fifty-One

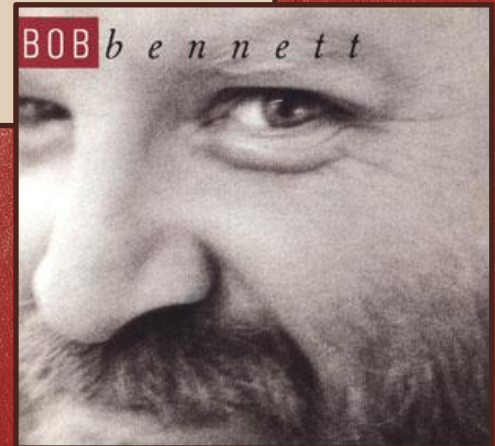
Both of them lovers and both of them young

There were clouds in the skies

But stars in their eyes in 1951

She called him “Mister” and he called her “Hon”

In 1951



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Acts 18 CSB



Roland Fryer teaches economics at Harvard. He has become very concerned about the lack of sacrifice in modern American life. Don't misunderstand. As an economist, Dr. Fryer is a fan of efficiency, but in our stability he fears we have lost the uncertainty and inconvenience that can force us to engage with others.

Markets are powerful when the good is clear, the price is observable, and the transaction is socially acceptable....The inconvenience [required for] friendship fails on all three margins...That may sound trivial. It isn't. Loneliness has become one of the stranger problems of modern life.

– Roland Fryer,
“The Economics of
Friendship”



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³ Give my greetings to Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who risked their own necks for my life. Not only do I thank them, but so do all the Gentile churches. ⁵ Greet also the church that meets in their home.

Romans 16 CSB



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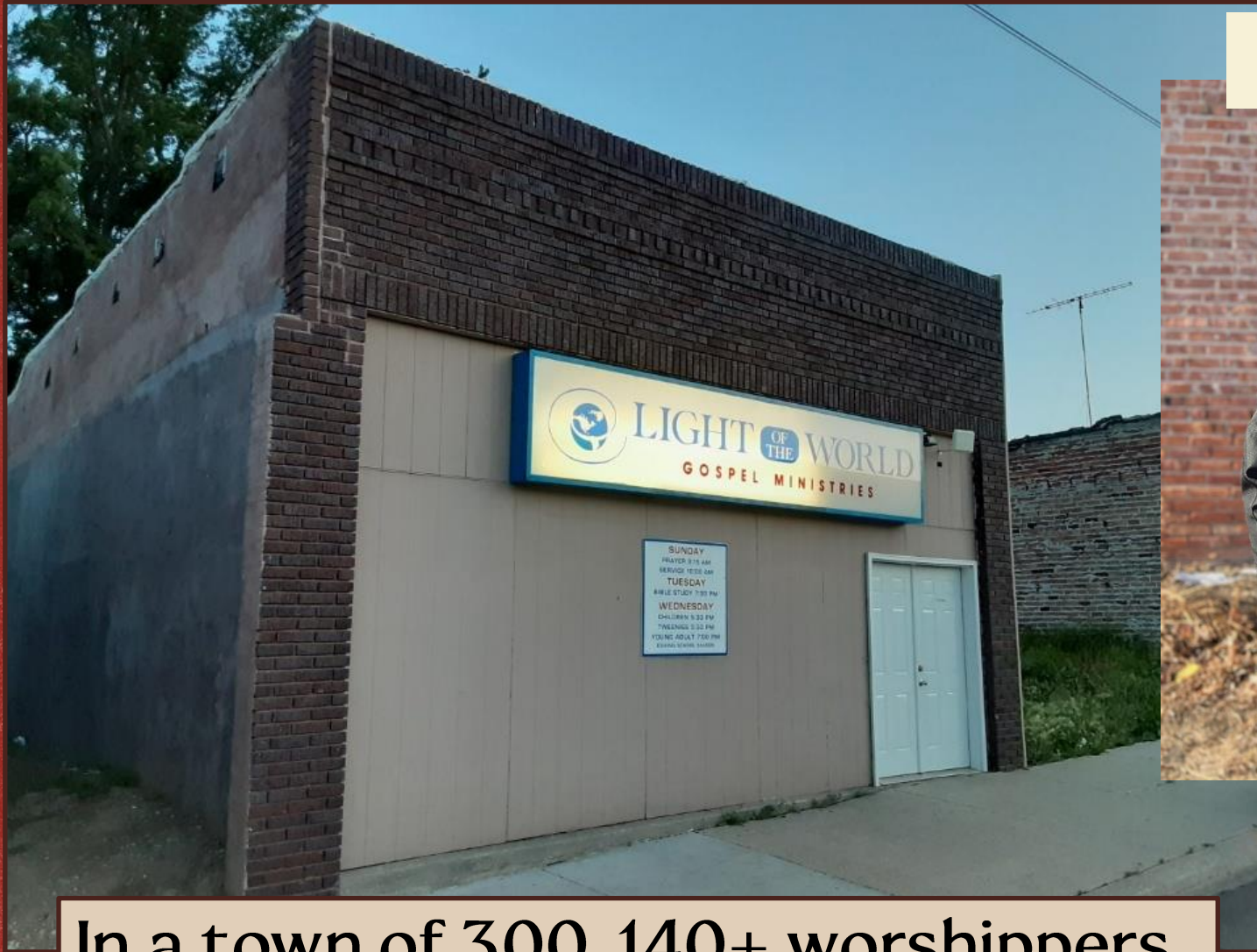
No one will reach my people. We are in a dying town full of broken-down buildings and no churches.



The norm for downtown Walthill, NE



courtesy Tom McLaughlin



Paul Malcomson family



In a town of 300, 140+ worshippers
pack in here each Sunday



People say there are two occupations you should not do if you want to be popular: (1) become a police officer, and (2) become a preacher. That is because both have to tell people what they need to hear, not what they want to hear. Well, I must be crazy because I chose to make a life of both.
– Paul Malcomson

That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. [1:12 NIV]

Suffer hardship with me,
as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. [2:3 NASB]

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
and I have remained faithful. [4:7 NLT]

2 Timothy

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Acts 18 CSB

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Romans 16 CSB

VIRTUS = the character traits that allow for strong relationships. Virtus includes a commitment to unity, expressed in hospitality to the community. Unity is the core of community.

goddess Concordia – bringer of
Roman unity & community



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1 Peter 4 CSB



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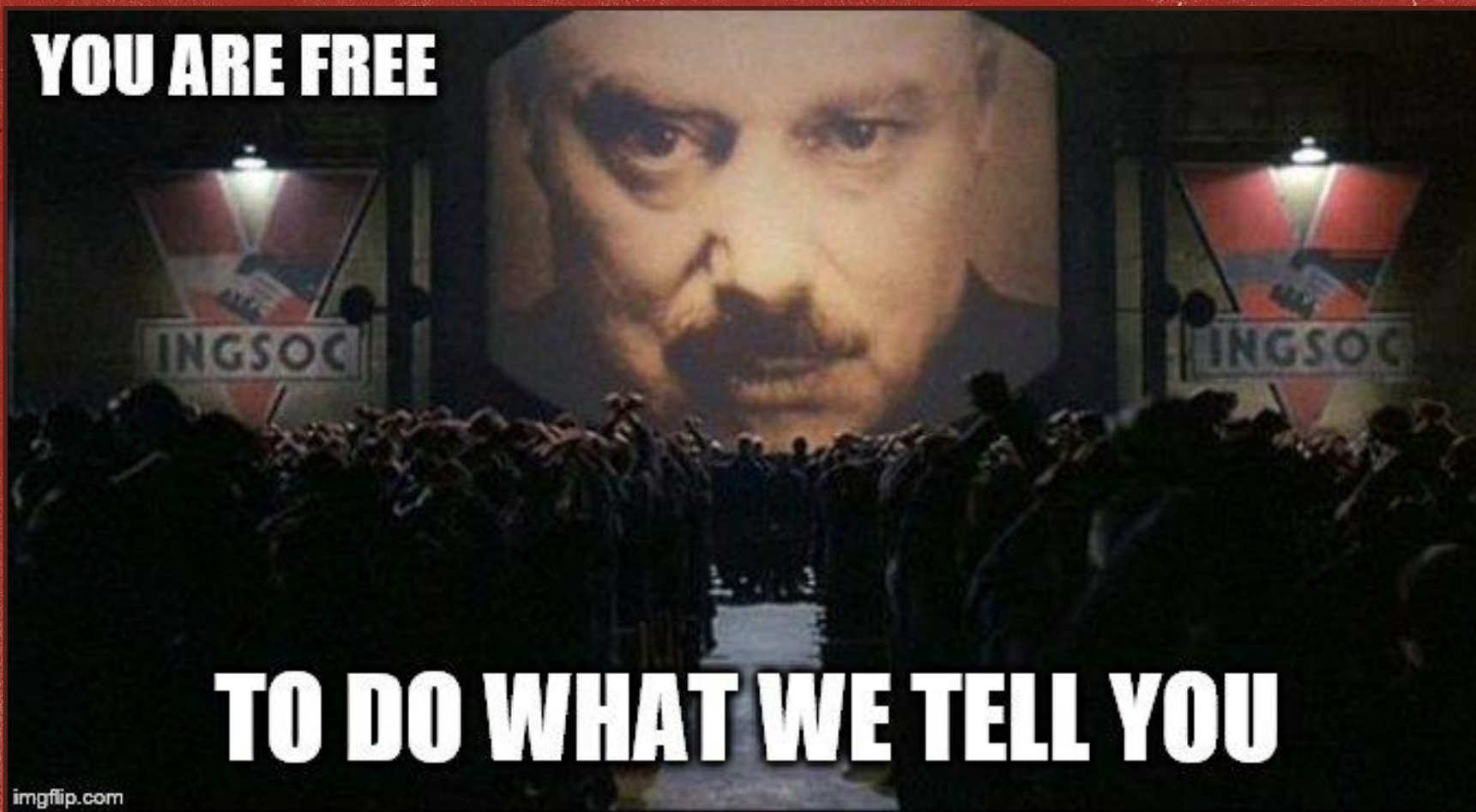
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Syncretism – smashing together mutually contradictory ideas – is not unifying. It is the meaning of absurdity, like saying black is white or men are women. That's why those who practice it demand uniformity.

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Acts 18 CSB

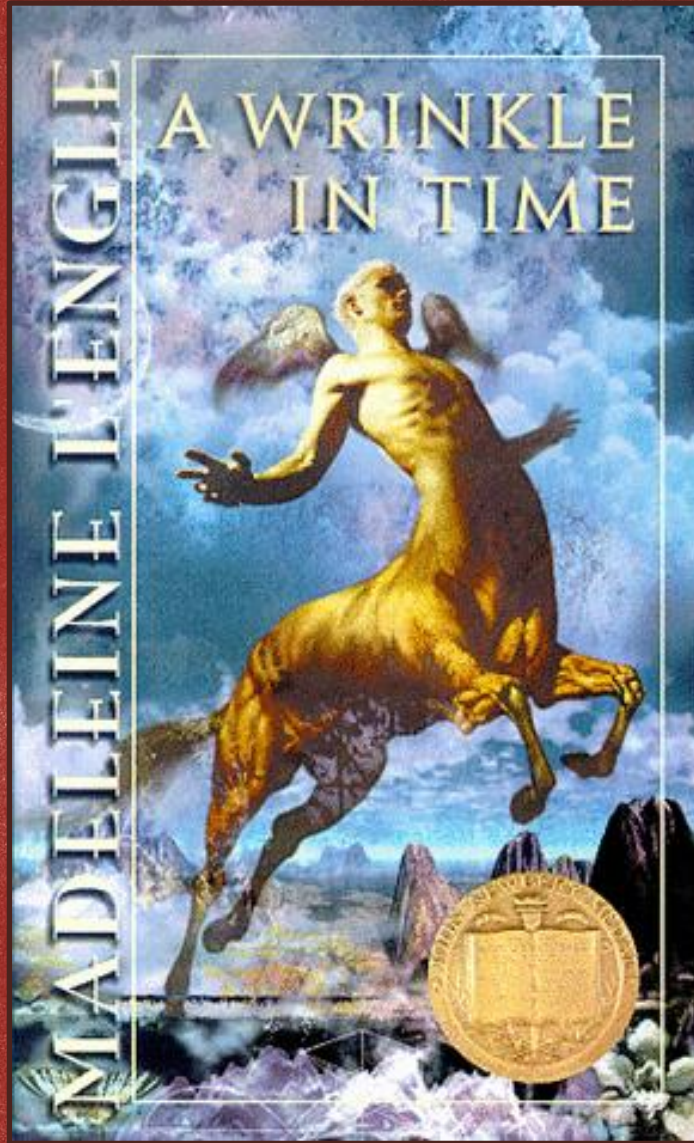
Priscilla = Little Prisca
Similar to Lolita or Juanito



Opposite of
English, where
nicknames are
usually shortened;
e.g., Bill for William

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The evil “IT” demands uniformity.
The Christian kid committed to unity breaks the spell.



FLIGHT ATTENDANT REFUSES TO BE CANCELED BY WOKE AIRLINE

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The Christian committed
to unity breaks the spell.



► **JOSHUA COSTROFF** | U.S. ARMY STAFF SERGEANT
MILITARY VACCINE MANDATE
APPEALS COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF UNVACCINATED MEMBERS

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Church building closed for refusing to exalt the government. But the church lives on and has grown.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.

Ephesians 4 CSB

²⁷ When he wanted to cross over to Achaia, the brothers and sisters wrote to the disciples to welcome him. After he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. ²⁸ For he vigorously refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating through the Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah.

Acts 18 CSB





¹⁹ Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

2 Timothy 4 CSB

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NEVER
UNDERSTAND
EACH
OTHER



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SAID...



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WHAT
SHE
HEARD..

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CEASE TO EXIST UNLESS
YOU CAN ALTER THE
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WHAT HE SAID...

HONEY...ARE
YOU ALMOST
READY YET?

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WHAT HE HEARD...

I'M GOING TO
MAKE YOU WISH
YOU WERE DEAD
FOR THE REST
OF THE WEEK

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WHAT
SHE
SAID...

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FAT IN THIS?

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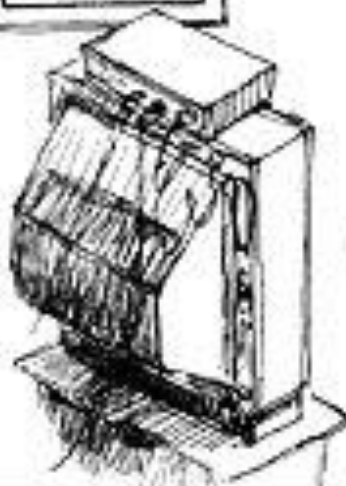
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WHAT
HE
HEARD...



HONEY... WHY DON'T YOU
PUT YOUR HEAD IN A
VICE AND I'LL TURN THE
HANDLE UNTIL YOUR
SKULL EXPLODES

WHAT
SHE
SAID...



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TURN OFF THE TV AND
JUST TALK

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Priscilla and Aquila...

a certain Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus,
having recently come from Italy with his wife
Priscilla...

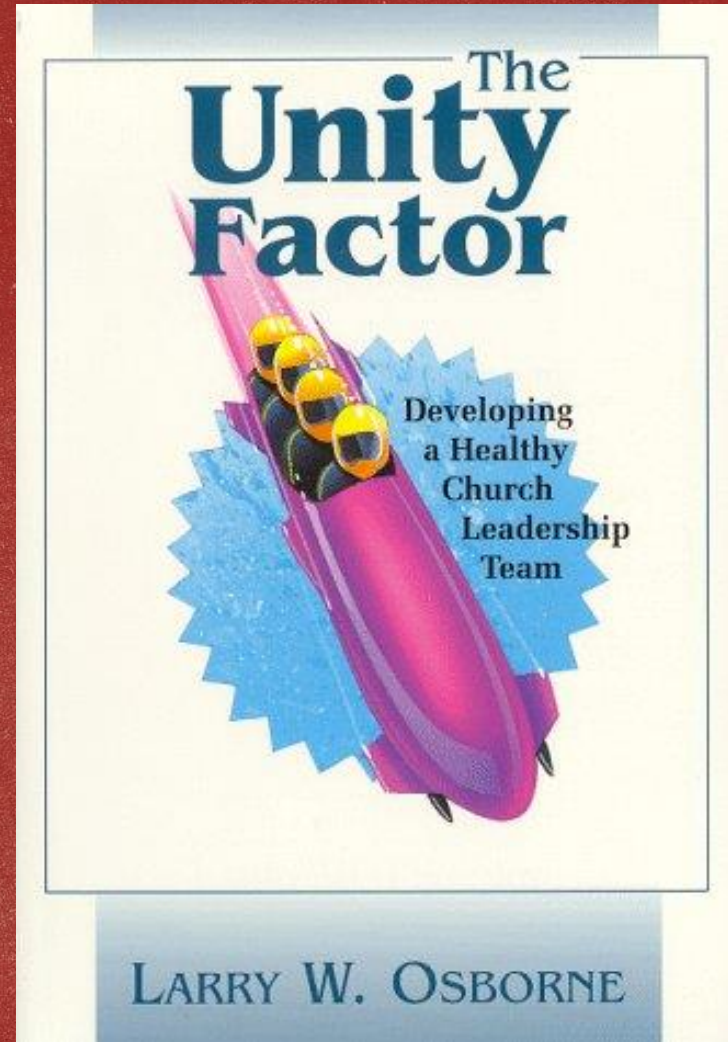


²⁴ For this reason
a man will leave
his father and mother
and be united to his wife,
and they will become
one flesh.

Genesis 2 BSB

Something happens when Christians grasp the reality of their identity in Jesus Christ. When we come to the amazing realization that we are truly God's children, when we begin to look at fellow believers as brothers and sisters, then we want to be one with our brothers. Because the Cross and the Resurrection were effective in accomplishing God's purposes, the Bible speaks of oneness as a reality.

– Lawrence Osborne, *The Unity Factor*





²³ I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

John 17 NLT

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Vitus TIMOTHY

Barnabas