

# ***Outrageous Marriage***

## **“Aquila & Priscilla: Faith Adventures”**

Acts 18:1-3

*A married couple openly dedicated to the Lord and to the lifestyle of following Jesus is like a breath of fresh air in any generation. One great biblical example is a couple mentioned six times in the New Testament, with each mention revealing hearts united in faith adventures. Such a marriage is timeless.*

Six Mentions: Acts 18:1-3, 18, 26; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Romans 16:3, 4; 2 Timothy 4:19

### **1. Multi-faceted Intimacy**

Deep companionship, togetherness, is God’s plan for every marriage. (*Genesis 2:18, 24*) Intimacy is not merely sexual, although that is a significant aspect of a healthy marriage. Intimacy is experienced in numerous ways—

- Emotional (vulnerable sharing of core feelings)
- Intellectual (sharing in the world of ideas)
- Aesthetic (sharing experiences of beauty)
- Creative (shared acts of creativity)
- Recreational (shared activities and fun times)
- Work (sharing in common tasks)
- Sexual (sharing physical closeness)
- Spiritual (sharing eternal concerns and adventures)

Keys to developing intimacy in all aspects of life: desire, honesty, concern, trust, and time.

### **2. Crisis Adaptability**

Aquila and Priscilla knew many challenges in their life together. Church history tradition tells us that they were expelled from Rome in A.D. 52 when Emperor Claudius banned all Jews from Italy. Aquila was of Jewish origin, while his wife was from a prominent family in Rome. To leave her home and family with her banished husband must have been traumatic. Another challenge was their constant moves. They keep showing up in Scripture in different places. Thirdly, they seem to have had no children, a supreme setback in that era.

They faced each crisis together, drawing closer rather than drifting apart.

### **3. Faith Centrality**

Everything already noted hinges on the single reality that they put God at the center of their home. Everything necessary for a successful marriage flows out of a singular shared commitment to follow Jesus in all things. (*Matthew 6:33*) This reality, however, NEVER happens by accident or by the determination of only one spouse.