

Love Stories—2

What Your Marriage Is Missing

A Shared Mission

Marriage isn't just about finding your partner in life, but also your partner in mission.

... Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Acts 18:1-3 NIV

- **They were very important to the early church.**
- **They were willing to serve God wherever they were.**
- **They served God with a unified mission.**

Give my greetings to Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in the ministry of Christ Jesus. ⁴In fact, they once risked their lives for me. I am thankful to them, and so are all the Gentile churches. ⁵Also give my greetings to the church that meets in their home. ...

Romans 16:3-5 NLT

A marriage without community is a vulnerable marriage.

- **Unity of Mission**
- **Hospitality**
- **Discipling Others**

[Apollos] began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. Acts 18:26 NIV

2 Forces That Will Unite Your Marriage

- **Common Enemy**
- **Common Mission**

What do you both love?

What do you both hate?

What are you going to do about it?

Come ... let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3 NLT

TALK IT OVER

Read **Acts 18:1-3, 26**. What do you notice about Priscilla and Aquila's relationship? What can you learn from them?

Think of a couple you know whose marriage is founded on unified mission, hospitality, and discipling others. How do you see these qualities expressed in their lives?

If you're in a relationship, share what you both love and hate, and what you're going to do about it.

If you're single, how can you live a mission-driven life today? How can you share that mission with others?