



## Aquila + Priscilla

“As for Me and My House: A Heart and A Home

### SCRIPTURE FOCUS:

Acts 18:1–3, 18–26

Romans 16:3–5

### Acts 18:1–3 (CSB)

*After this, he (Paul) left Athens and went to Corinth, where he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul came to them, and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked for they were tentmakers by trade.*

### Acts 18:24–26 (CSB)

*Now a Jew named Apollos, an eloquent speaker, who was competent in the use of the Scriptures, arrived in Ephesus... He knew only John’s baptism. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. After Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the way of God to him more*

accurately.

## Romans 16:3–5 (CSB)

*Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life. Not only do I thank them, but so do all the Gentile churches. Greet also the church that meets in their home.*

## My Story: A Heart and A Home

### Introduction: Aquila and Priscilla

- They were a married Jewish Christian couple living in Rome.
- They were forced out when Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews (AD 49).
- They rebuilt their lives as tentmakers in Corinth.
- They met the Apostle Paul and he lived with them.
- Because Paul was also a tentmaker, he connected with them immediately.
- They partnered with him in launching the Corinthian church.
- After 18 months, Paul traveled to Ephesus and brought them along.
- Ephesus is modern-day Turkey
- In Ephesus, they opened their home and hosted a church.
- They encountered Apollos who was an eloquent but incomplete teacher.
  - Priscilla & Aquila took him aside privately and disciplined him and he became a powerful defender of the faith because of their teaching.
- Their focus was on God's work: Their lives were dedicated to ministry, and their focus was on serving God.

Now that we understand their journey, the uprooting, the starting over, the hospitality, the divine connections, the discipleship, the faithfulness, let's lean into what God wants to say to *our* households today. Priscilla and Aquila are not just historical figures they are a model for a home that serves the Lord.

### 1. A Household that stands in purpose even in uncertain times

- Your home doesn't have to be perfect to be purposeful.
- This couple entered Scripture as displaced refugees. Yet they carried their purpose from Rome to Corinth to Ephesus.
- If perfection were a prerequisite, God would never use any of us.
- Purpose is activated not by perfection but by saying **YES**.

### 2. A Household built on Partnership & Unity

- Priscilla & Aquila ministered in alignment and unity and not competition.
- Every time Priscilla and Aquila are mentioned in the Bible, they are together, highlighting their

unity in service to God.

- They both were recognized together in scripture and as leaders.
- Unity is strength and your home's spiritual weapon.
- Your home becomes a spiritual and powerful fortress when unity is at the center.

### **3. A Household that makes room for Discipleship and opens it's doors for Kingdom building.**

- Their home became a classroom for spiritual growth.
- They didn't wait for a building; they used their home.
- Paul lived with them.
- Apollos learned from them.
- Their table was their ministry.
- Countless others were impacted by their ministry.
- A kingdom home teaches the things of God.
- When your home becomes available, God makes it impactful.
- You don't need to host a church service like Priscilla and Aquila but your home can still be a ministry space.

### **4. A Household that protects the faith**

- Priscilla and Aquila risked their lives to protect Paul and the gospel. (Romans 16:4).
- They guarded doctrine and defended the mission.
- Guard the spiritual health of your home - media, music, conversations, influences.
- Protect your house by watching what your house absorbs.
- Stand firm in truth when culture shifts.
- Be courageous when God calls your family to take a stand.
- A house that serves the Lord guards what God has entrusted.

### **5. A Household that stays faithful through seasons**

- Priscilla and Aquila were still faithful decades later (2 Timothy 4:19)
- Faithfulness and Consistency builds spiritual strength.
- Consistency is the backbone of a God-honoring home.
- Small habits produce big spiritual harvests.

### **Practical Household Tips**

- Open your Bible together
- Speak Scripture over your household
- Talk about God naturally in everyday life
- Model grace
- Host spiritual conversations
- Make your home a refuge

## Closing

The question today is not: "Is my house big enough? Organized enough?"

The question is simply:

"Am I available for God's use?"

"Is my household available for God's use?"

What could God do through you/your address if you said yes?