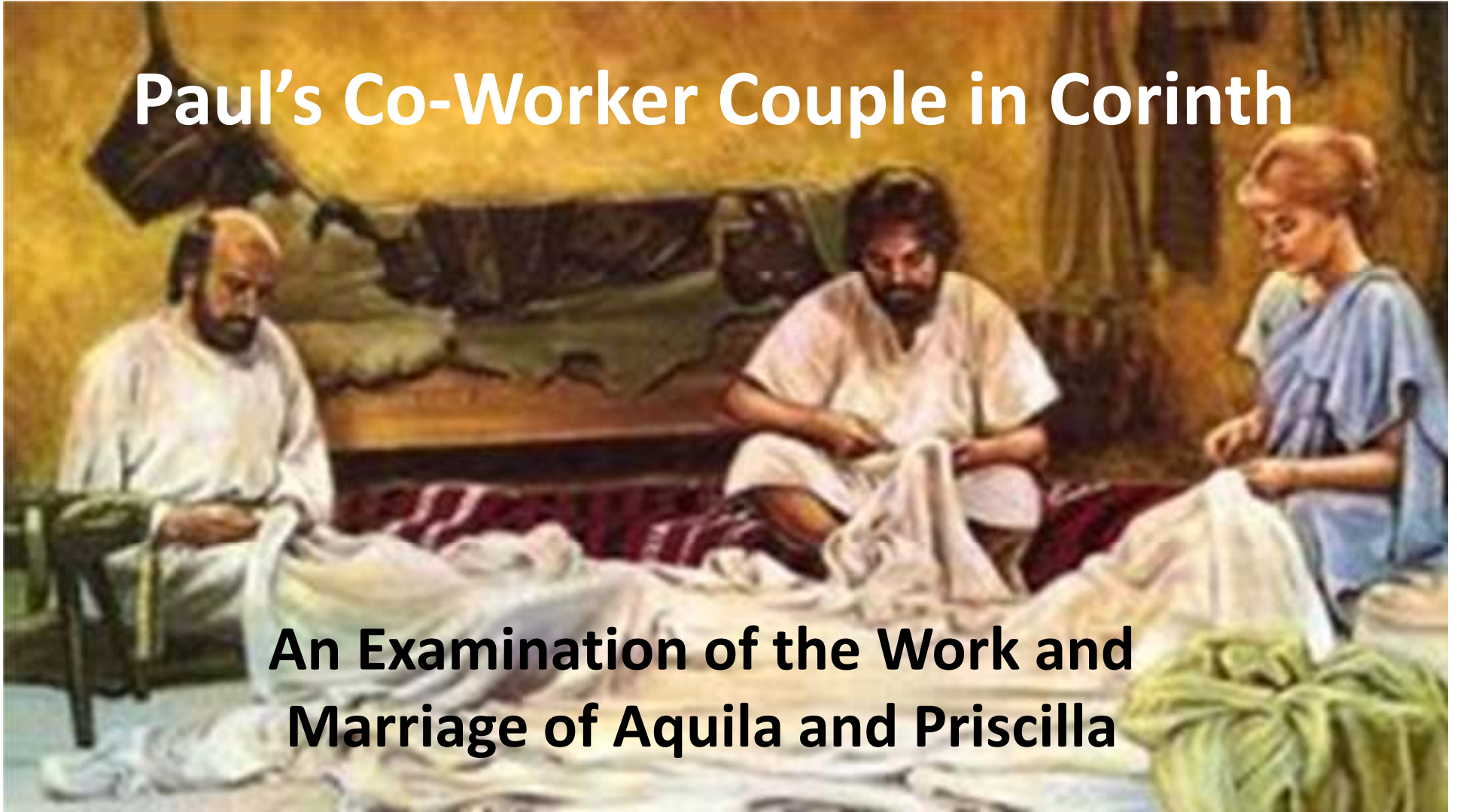


# Paul's Co-Worker Couple in Corinth

**An Examination of the Work and Marriage of Aquila and Priscilla**



# Paul's Co-Worker Couple in Corinth

- There are only a limited number of verses that speak of Aquila and Priscilla
  - Acts 18:1-3, 18-19, 24-26
  - Rom. 16:3-5
  - 1Cor. 16:19
  - 2Tim. 4:19
- Background

# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- **Their mission**
- They were Jews expelled from Rome
  - Acts 18:1-2 - “After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them.”
- Paul lived and worked as a tentmaker with them in Corinth
  - Acts 18:3 - “So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tentmakers.”



# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- *Their mission*
- They traveled with Paul from Corinth to Ephesus and stayed there
  - Acts 18:18-19 - “So Paul still remained a good while. Then he took leave of the brethren and sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila were with him. He had his hair cut off at Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow. 19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.”
- They hosted a church in their home in Ephesus
  - 1Cor. 16:19 - “The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.”

# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- *Their mission*
- They risked their lives for Paul
  - Rom. 16:3-4 - “Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.”
- Later, back in Rome, they hosted a church in their home
  - Rom. 16:5 - “Likewise greet the church that is in their house...”

# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- ***Their mission***
- They are mentioned in Paul's last epistle shortly before his death; they were back in Ephesus still sharing in Paul's work for the Lord
  - 2Tim. 4:19 - "Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus."

# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- *Their means*
- They attended the synagogue
  - Acts 18:26 - “So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately”
- Perhaps they saw it as an opportunity to teach
  - Acts 17:1-2 - “Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures”



# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- *Their means*
- They heard Apollos speak - Acts 18:26
- They took him aside - Acts 18:26
- Talking to him privately was conducive to constructive dialogue; their goal was to reason and persuade
  - Acts 17:17 - “Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.”
  - Acts 17:4 - “And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.”



# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- *Their means*
- They explained to Apollos the way of God more accurately
  - Acts 18:26 - “When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.”
- They sought to build on what he already knew with the goal of saving him and all of his future hearers

# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- *Their message*
- They loved the Lord and the brethren more than life itself.
  - Rom. 16:3-4 - “Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.”

# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- *Their message*
- They gave of their means to promote the gospel of Christ.
  - They opened their home for travelling preachers - Acts 18:1-3
  - They opened their home to provide a place for the church to assemble - Rom. 16:5; 1Cor. 16:19

# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- *Their message*
- They zealously shared the gospel with their friends - Acts 18:24-28
- Aquila and Priscilla taught Apollos even though they were not full-time preachers supported by the church to spread the gospel.



# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- Acts 8:4-5 - “Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.”
- Matt. 28:18-20 - “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.”

# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- Mark 16:15-16 - “And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”
- 2Tim. 2:2 - “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

# Aquila And Priscilla, A Model Marriage

- They were heirs together of the grace of life
  - 1Peter 3:7 - “...as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered”