

**Her Story: Women & The Bible | Week 2 - The Church Needs "Priscillas"****Big Idea**

The church needs “Priscillas,” women who teach and lead in the church to further the mission of Jesus.

**Scripture**

Acts 18:1-4, Acts 18:24-28, Romans 16:3-5, and 1 Corinthians 16:19

**Points to Keep In Mind**

1. Priscilla was Jewish and living in Italy when Emperor Claudius ordered her and her husband, Aquila, to leave Rome. Paul went to see Priscilla and Aquila in Corinth, where they now lived. Because they were all tentmakers by trade, Paul stayed and worked with them in Corinth. As Paul taught in the synagogue, Priscilla and Aquila would have learned much from him about Jesus being the Messiah. Romans 16:11 states that Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half with Priscilla and Aquila, teaching the word of God.
2. Priscilla, along with her husband Aquila, invited a famous teacher named Apollos to their home so that they could explain to him “the way of God more adequately.” Even though Apollos was very knowledgeable about the scriptures, we are told that he lacked a fundamental understanding of the way of Christ. Priscilla recognized the shortfall and the potential, so she proactively took on the mentor role, guiding Apollos with gentle wisdom. This act was pioneering on multiple levels: it broke cultural and religious norms of female participation in theological teaching and demonstrated the transformative power of discipleship grounded in humility and grace.
3. In Romans 16:3-5, Paul calls Priscilla and Aquila his “fellow workers in Christ Jesus” and says they risked their lives for Paul and the Jesus mission. Paul also states that all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful for them, which is an impressive statement and reflects the vast impact they both made for Jesus. The church’s strength has never been found in its structures or institutions but in its people’s faith, service, and leadership. Priscilla and Aquila were pillars in the early church, not because they sought recognition or authority but because they embodied the love, humility, and dedication at the heart of the Christian message. May they inspire us to do the same.
4. Paul went out of his way to name Priscilla and Aquila once again in 1 Corinthians 16:19. They had followed Paul to Ephesus and lived there with him, teaching and leading the church that met at their home, so many in the Corinthian church would have known them. Priscilla and Aquila are also mentioned in 2 Timothy 4:19, which further points to how well-known they were for their work in the ministry and how much Paul appreciated them.

**Additional Questions and Resources**

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