

MARRIAGE
&
INTIMACY
THE YEAR OF AUTHENTIC
COMM ——— UNITY

Marriage As Ministry

Acts 18:1-4, 18-19, 23-27

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After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There 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, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks...Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sisters and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. Before he sailed, he had his hair cut off at Cenchreae because of a vow he had taken. They arrived at Ephesus, where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. He himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews...After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples. Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus.

He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He 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. When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.

- Priscilla & Aquila are married to each other. (v.2)
 - They worked with Paul as Tent Makers. (v.3)
 - They supported the ministry of both Paul & Apollos. (v.18,26)
 - They were Jewish believers.
 - They are actually mentioned together 6 times in the New Testament.
 - They are always mentioned together.
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- What is it?
 - How does it happen?
 - What does it produce?

What is Marriage as Ministry?

The Holy Orders for Marriage

How does it happen?

Matthew 19:5-6a

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh”? So they are no longer two, but one flesh...

Things that get in the way of oneness

Luke 9:23-24

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

What does it produce?

The Third Wheel Ministry

If you're married, cultivate a third wheel.

If you're single, become a third wheel.

Acts 18:26

When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home...

Ministry always points and directs us outside of ourselves.

**Friends with no kids be
like:**

**"You wanna go to Africa
this Friday?"**