

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# FLAWED MASTERPIECE



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WEEK 11



# FLAWED MASTERPIECE WEEK ELEVEN

This week, we are taking a look at Priscilla, who is mentioned many times throughout the New Testament (Acts 18:2,18; Romans 16:3; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19). Priscilla and her husband, Aquila, had a tremendous relationship with the Apostle Paul and shared in their occupation as tentmakers (Acts 18:3). We see all three, Priscilla, Aquila, and Paul, approach this very common craft with a very uncommon spirit, one of integrity and honor for the glory of God. "A particular craft will throw one into association with a particular class of persons, and if one is alert and always about the Master's business" (Herbert Lockyer). Chap expresses, God is calling all people to be alert to what God is up to and how we can be participating agents for his Kingdom. Priscilla is a world class leader who partner with her husband in ministry.

- Where do you see yourself in Priscilla?
- What stands out to you about Chap's message ?
- How does this message change your perspective?





**Paul, Priscilla and Aquila**  
**\*commentary below**

**Paul went to see them, 3 and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. (Acts 18:4-3)**

**Priscilla[c] and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus.  
4 They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.  
(Romans 16:3-4)**

**Paul stayed on in Corinth for some time. Then he left the brothers and sisters and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. (Acts 18:18)**

# COMMENTARY ON THE PASSAGE



**Why should Priscilla be named first? There is surely a purpose in this! In every other mention of this couple, the husband's name comes first. It may be that Priscilla was the first to understand the mind of God, and to be ready that they should abandon their business and worldly prospects that they might throw themselves into the work of the Lord at His distinct call.**

**Paul took them with him to Ephesus, and there left them, not Aquila only, in charge of the few believers who were gathered during the few days of his stay there, and God made use of them to lead a Jew, named Apollos, "an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures," to know "the way of God more perfectly." There is little doubt that in the secular business, and in the work of the Lord, Priscilla was a true helpmeet to her husband. It is distinctly shown that, not only Aquila, but Priscilla, took Apollos and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.**

**It is a precious grace when a godly woman is the true complement of her husband, just filling in every lack of his, and not making herself prominent. It is a blessed thing when a wife can do what comes to her hand in the work of the Lord. How many an eloquent Apollos, how many infant churches, like that at Ephesus, have been dependent in part upon a hidden, unknown woman? The Lord raise up many such, and perfect them for His work.**

**- Mary Elizabeth Baxter, Blue Letter Bible**



# ***DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP***

- Where do you see the importance of partnership in the relationship with Paul, Priscilla and Aquila?
- How does this story move you to think about your participation with your community?
- Where do you see Priscilla and Aquila using their giftings?
  - Hospitality?
  - Help building the church?
  - Disciple leaders?
  - Leave comfort behind?
- How is God using you in this season? What opportunities are available for you to use your giftings?



"Life is meant to be lived in partnership with others. God has invited us all to have a role in the kingdom (especially women)!"  
- Chap Clark

