

# Joyful Life Bible Studies

## Women of the Word

Priscilla

Lesson 10

Welcome to the Joyful Life Bible Study! This year we have chosen to study *Women of the Word*. Through the study of God's Word and gathering together each week in groups sharing what we have studied, we are encouraged to apply to our lives His principles and commands.

Our purpose in choosing to study the lives of these women is that through their examples we will gain perspective and instruction for our lives.

Our prayer for each of you is that through the Joyful Life Bible Study you will experience the *joy* that can only come through the study and application of His Word.

*All these things happened to them as examples for us.*

*They were written down to warn us,*

*who live at the time when this age is drawing to a close.*

1 Corinthians 10:11 NLT



a. Why had they moved to Corinth?

(1.) What does this suggest to you about the trials she endured?

2. Imagine what it would have been like for Priscilla to work alongside her husband in their occupation as *tentmakers*. What does this say to you about her?

3. Notice the following phrase *Paul lived and worked with them* (Acts 18:3 NLT). How is Priscilla an example of 1 Peter 4:9?

a. Think for a moment about the many blessings Paul's presence would bring to Priscilla and Aquila. Record at least one that comes to mind.

4. What have you learned today about Priscilla that you can apply to your life?

**THIRD DAY:** Read Acts 18:18,19a

1. Acts 18:11 informs us that Paul stayed in Corinth a year and six months, teaching the Word of God. At this time another change took place in Priscilla's life. Read Acts 18:18,19a and describe what happened.

2. Think what it must have been like for her move once again, to relocate to the unfamiliar and pagan city of Ephesus and then for Paul to leave them to minister without him. What does this reveal about her?
  
3. How is Priscilla's courage and commitment in a pagan culture a role model for you?

*That ye may be blameless and harmless,  
the sons of God, without rebuke,  
in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation,  
among whom ye shine as lights in the world;  
Holding forth the Word of life.*

Philippians 2:15,16a

**FOURTH DAY:** Read Acts 18:24-26

1. The Bible records a fascinating story concerning Priscilla and her husband in Acts 18:24-26. Summarize this story in your own words.
  - a. Share what impresses you the most about the way they handled this situation.
  
2. Focus again on Acts 18:26. The word *expounded* means *explained*. What does this say to you about Priscilla and Aquila?
  - a. Although Priscilla was busy managing her household and helping her husband with the tent making business, it is apparent that she found time to be a student of the gospel of Jesus Christ. How does this speak to you today?

- b. Priscilla and Aquila are always mentioned together in scripture. They worked together as a team. In what ways do you think this affected their ministry?

(1.) How did they influence Apollos in his ministry? See Acts 18:27b,28.

Challenge: Before he met Priscilla and Aquila, Apollos knew *only the baptism of John* (Acts 18:25). What spiritual truths would have been missing from the messages he preached? Use Luke 3:16-18 and Acts 19:1-7 to help you with your answer.

3. How is Priscilla's wise use of this opportunity for ministry an example for you?

**FIFTH DAY:** Read Romans 16:3-5a

1. Through Paul's letter to the Romans we discover Priscilla and Aquila had returned to Rome. View Paul's tender expressions to them in Romans 16:3-5a. Record what you learn about them from:

- a. verse 3

- b. verse 4

(1.) Pause and think about this: *who risked their own necks for my life* (NKJV). Although scripture doesn't record the details, what does this reveal about Priscilla and her husband?

- c. verse 5a

(1.) The early church met frequently in homes. Priscilla opened her home in Corinth, Ephesus and Rome. We can only imagine the many lives that were touched by her kindness and hospitality. Briefly share a time when you were blessed by the gift of hospitality.

