

TEAM HOSPITALITY

(ACTS 18:1-3; 18-28)

Being in 'team'...

- **'Jesus' people are all about team.**
- *¹Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There 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 the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. (Acts 18:1-4) (NIV)*

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- The *New Testament*...Greek word...for ***hospitality***...is...***philoxenos***...
 - Which is made up of TWO *Greek* words...
 - ***Philo***...which literally means...
 - ***Friendly***...OR...***fond of***...OR...***loving towards***...

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- *Xenos...* which literally means...
- *Alien...OR...foreigner...OR...stranger...*
- *Fond of guests...*

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- *¹¹Paul stayed for a year and a half...teaching them (the people) the word of **God**.(Acts 18:11) (NIV)*

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- *Paul left the brothers and sisters (in Corinth) and sailed for Syria... accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila.*

AND

¹⁹They arrived at Ephesus, where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. He himself went into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. ²⁰When they asked him to spend more time with them, he declined. ²¹But as he left, he promised, "I will come back if it is God's will." Then he set sail from Ephesus. (Acts 18:18-21)

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- *¹⁹The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings.
Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord...*

AND

***So does the church that meets at their house. (1 Corinthians
16:19)***

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- ³*Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in **Christ Jesus**.*
⁵*Greet also **the church that meets at their house**. (Romans 16:3 & 5) (NIV)*

In this world... 'Jesus' people'...

- **1. OPEN THEIR HOMES.**

*¹ The earth is the **Lord's**...and everything in it... the world...
and...all who live in it...(Psalm 24:1) (NIV)*

In this world... 'Jesus' people'...

- **There is a 'home' for ALL!**
- *⁴Every Sabbath he (Paul) reasoned in the synagogue... (Acts 18:4)*

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- **1. OPEN THEIR HOMES.**
- **2. OPEN THEIR HEARTS.**

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- *³Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow 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. ⁵Greet also the church that meets at their house. (Romans 16:3-5) (NIV)*

Take Away...

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- **In this world... 'Jesus' people take risks.**