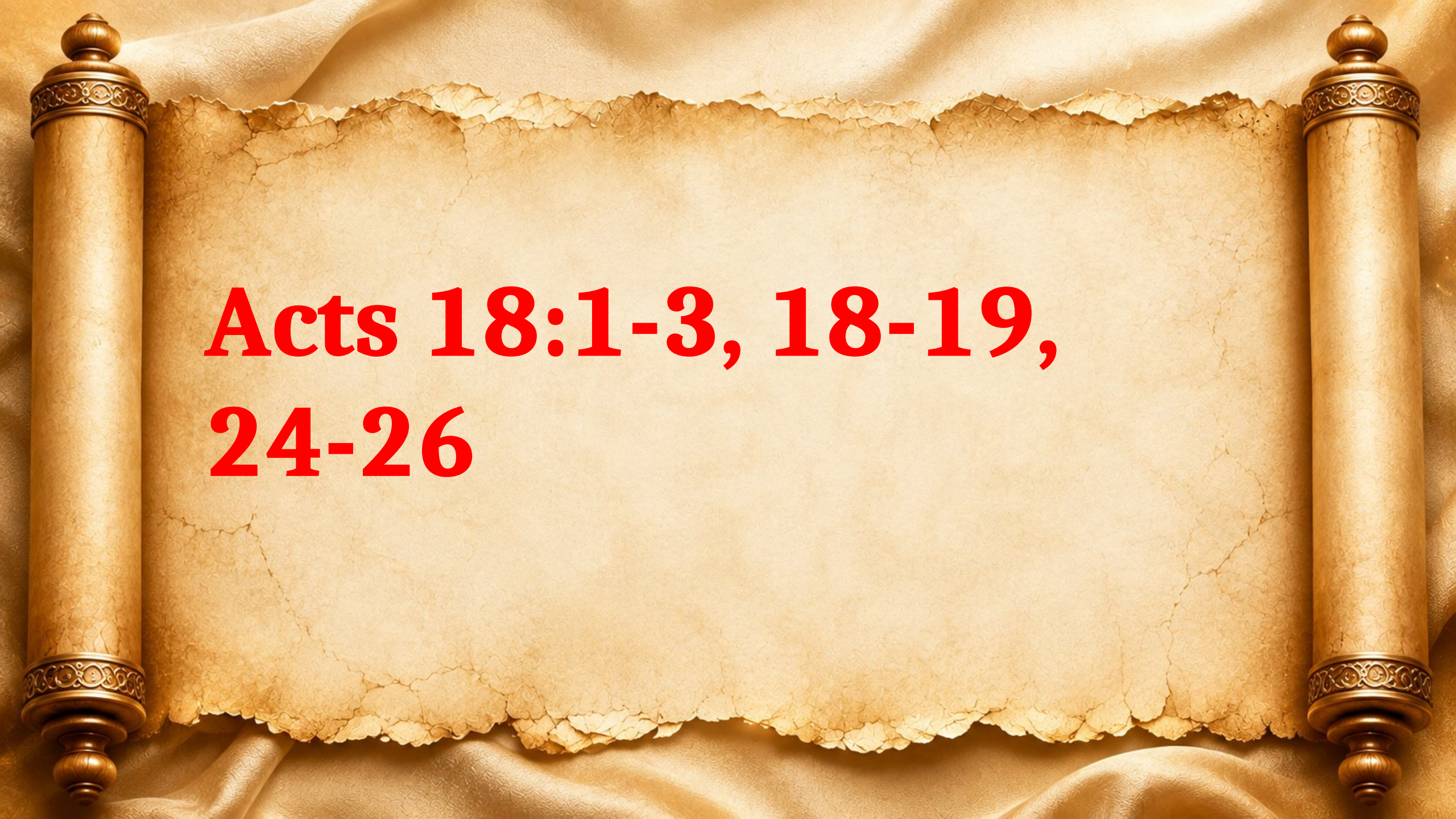




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And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow. And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

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And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.



**It takes more than great programs to build a great church.
It takes more than sacrificial service to build a great church.**

**What makes a great church is great people, great families,
and great homes.**

**We can build a great church right here by building people,
building families, and building great homes.**



GREAT **CHURCH** BY **GREAT** **FAMILIES**





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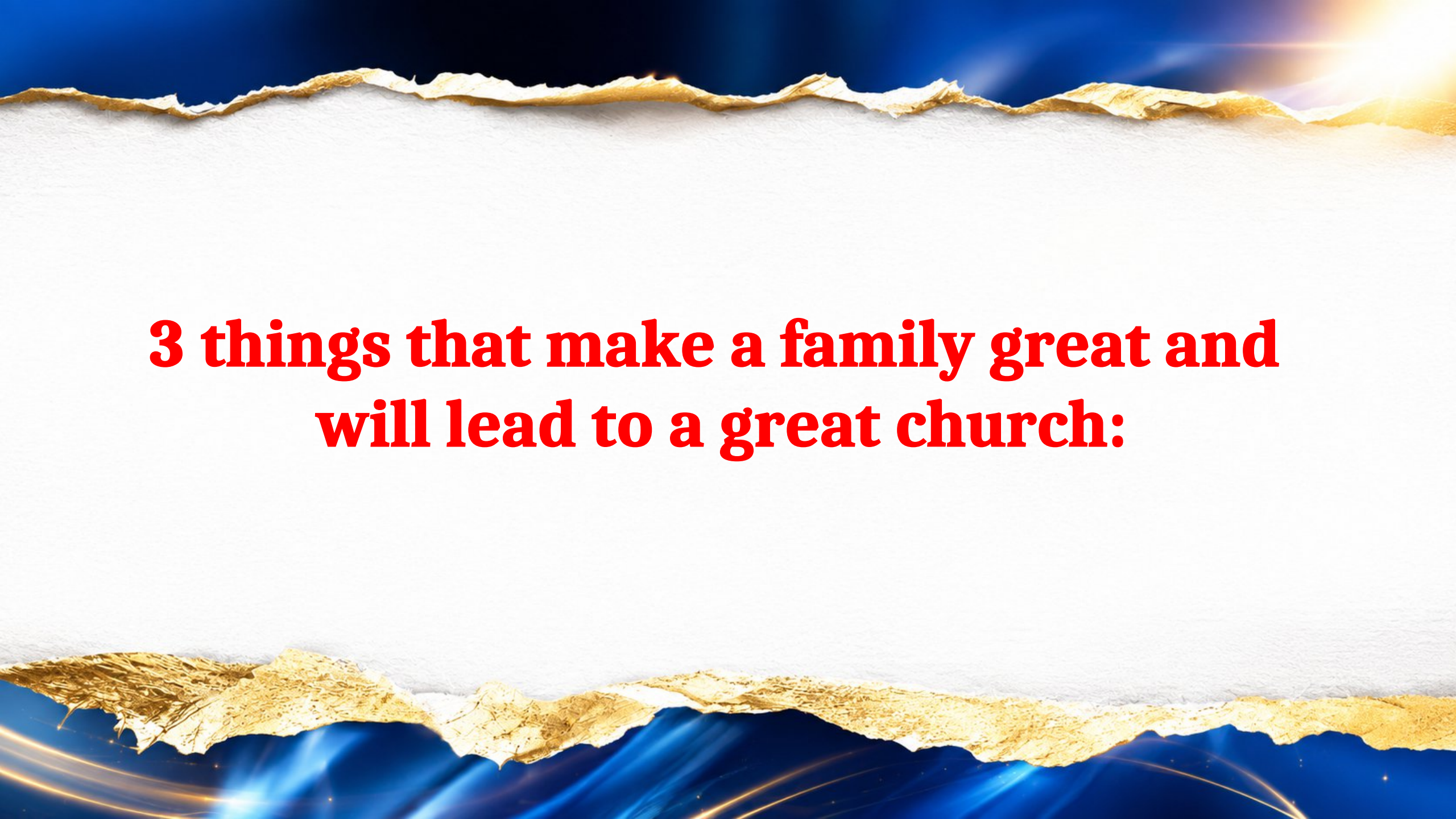
3. A Great Family is a Serving Family



Aquila and Priscilla.



A married couple, worshipping and serving God together.



**3 things that make a family great and
will lead to a great church:**

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Stress and tension are a huge part of the home today with the pressures of work, time, and the financial struggles that we choose to live under.

We need revival poured out in the home.

We need families with a healthy fear of Satan's rampage and a heartfelt desire for drawing close to God and to one another.





Aquila and Priscilla were a family under pressure, but God was working out their problems behind the scenes, not only for their good but for His glory.

God is in the process of bringing something awesome into their lives.

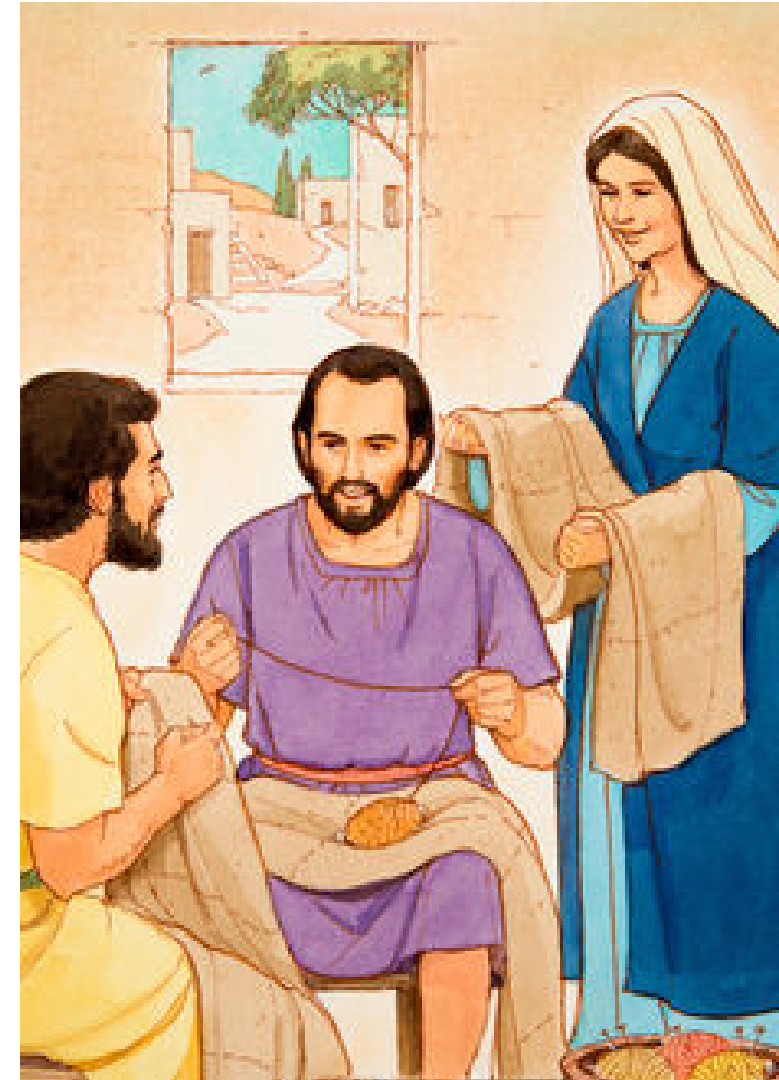
God was setting things up for them to meet face to face and when they did it was a life changing experience for Aquila and Priscilla.



How God works:

Paul was a tentmaker, which was the very same occupation of Aquila and Priscilla.

When we get right with God and follow His will He will set our paths to cross with others who need Him.





He will do it at just the right time and in the just the right way.

Aquila and Priscilla began the journey toward becoming a great family by first becoming a saved family.



2. A Great Family is a Sanctified Family

The word sanctified means “*set apart*”...separated from the world.

A sanctified family looks, sounds and acts different from the world.

Each of us are to walk worthy of our calling.



Col 1:10 NKJV “that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing [Him], being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;”

The church is a body of believers, and for more than 200 years the church met in the homes of people like Aquila and Priscilla.

This couple had a great home, and it led to a great church.





**How about the church that is called
your home?**

**Our highest calling as believers is our own children, our
own marriage and our own home.**



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Years later Paul writes the church at Rome...

Rom 16:3-4 NKJV “Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.”





Every believer's main business ought to be God's business.

We should be about worshipping and serving Him, teaching and helping others, winning souls and seeing people get saved.

Aquila and Priscilla understood that even though they were tentmakers by trade, their main business was serving God.





CONCLUSION:

Great families build great churches. There must be a church in your home.

A church in the sense that your home becomes great homes by being saved, by serving together and by being sanctified.

When we are serious about the church, we should also think seriously about our homes.



