

Life

With Tracy and Debra

5 Core Truths Being Rediscovered

God is igniting a fresh rediscovery of 5 core truths among his people for his glory and for the harvest.

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Aquila and Priscilla

Discover why we fashioned the name of our new ministry - Tracy and Debra - after this 1st century power couple.

Everything we know about the man, Aquila, and his wife, Priscilla, we learn from six bible passages where they are mentioned. These six passages, however, provide an intriguing portrait of this 1st century power couple.

The Start of A Beautiful Friendship

We first meet Aquila and Priscilla in Acts 18.

"After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. And he went to see them, and because he was of the same trade he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade" (Acts 18:1-3).



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When you pray ...

A Season of Transition

We are walking through one of the most intense seasons of change we have ever known.

- Post-pandemic financial realities necessitated the downsizing of the church staff where Tracy served which resulted in his release.
- The owners of our home are selling it, which necessitates a move that fits our *limited* budget.
- Tracy is scheduled for Rotator-cuff surgery March 1.
- We are thrilled to be launching the ministry of Tracy and Debra while trusting God for guidance and provision.

Please pray for us in these key areas.

We invite you to visit our website TracyandDebra.com to discover more of our vision and the resources we offer to help disciples, leaders, and churches thrive in their walk with Jesus.



5 Core Truths to ReDiscover

A Spiritual Renaissance

The word “Renaissance” comes from an old French word “renaistre” that literally means “to be born again.” A renaissance, then, is the rebirth or rediscovery of something that has long been hidden, lost or forgotten. The pandemic provided the Church an extraordinary opportunity to examine and evaluate what we do and why, and rediscover the core truths of our Life in Christ that, for many, had long been hidden, lost or forgotten.

The ministry of “Tracy and Debra” is devoted to collaborating with churches, networks and movements that desire to multiply disciples and gospel communities who are growing in their understanding and practice of these core truths.

Exalt Our
Triune
God

God has revealed himself in the Bible as one God with a quality of “threeness” – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three distinct persons, equal

in essence and attributes, yet singular in being. The Father is not the Son or the Spirit; The Son is not the Father or the Spirit; and the Spirit is not the Father or the Son. Each person of the



Godhead is 100% God. The Father isn't 33^{1/3}%, and the Son 33^{1/3}%, and the Spirit 33^{1/3}% of God. The members of the Trinity are in perfect union, contentment, and joy with each other. It is the perfect community of the Trinity that provides the hope for the oneness of the collective Body of Christ on earth. When read the Bible with a Trinitarian awareness marvelous realities begin to take shape. For example, consider Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3.

“For this reason I bow my knees before **the Father**, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be ...

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Debra & Tracy Weaver

Would you pray about joining our Ministry Partner Community?

Our calling is to serve the collective Body of Christ, helping disciples, leaders and churches thrive in their relationship with Jesus. We collaborate with ministries, networks and movements to accomplish Jesus' mission of seeking and saving the lost.

We would be honored by your prayer support and financial participation. You can securely make your tax-deductible donation by using this link: www.aplos.com/aws/give/acn/3154 - Thank you

Aquila and Priscilla continued

Aquila and Priscilla were early followers of Jesus who were forced to leave Italy (Rome) due to political persecution. They made their way to Corinth where they met the Apostle Paul and went into business together as tentmakers.

Ministry Collaborators

"After this, Paul stayed many days longer and then took leave of the brothers and set sail for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila ... And they came to Ephesus" (Acts 18:18-19).

After a season of fruitful ministry in Corinth, Aquila and Priscilla accompanied Paul to Syria and eventually Ephesus. The fact that Paul invited them to join him speaks of how he valued this ministry couple.

Investing In Emerging Kingdom Leaders

After a season of ministry, Paul left Aquila and Priscilla in Ephesus and continued his missionary journeys. While ministering in Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla met a newly emerging Christian leader named Apollos.

"He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately" (Acts 18:25-26).

They recognized both the gifting of Apollos and his need for further equipping so they invested themselves into the development of this strategic leader. Their investment in Apollos paid off. Later we read, *"... he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, for he powerfully refuted the*

Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus" (Acts 18:27-28).

Valued Bold Church Multipliers

The next time we encounter Aquila and Priscilla is after they have returned to Rome to continue advancing the gospel in their homeland. The Apostle Paul directly mentions them in his letter to the Romans, revealing three telling-traits about this extraordinary couple.

"Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus" (Romans 16:3).


The great Apostle Paul names Aquila and Prisca (familiar for Priscilla) as "fellow-workers in Christ Jesus". As a Kingdom leader he recognized their value. But he doesn't stop there. Paul writes:

"... who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well" (Romans 16:4).

This verse hints at untold stories of courage and risk on behalf of others and the gospel. Only in heaven will we be able to know their full exploits.

Finally, Paul writes, *"Greet also the church in their house" (Romans 16:3-5).* In today's terms Aquila and Priscilla were home-church or microchurch leaders, facilitating the smallest and therefore the most essential expression of the Body of Christ.

Aquila and Priscilla & Tracy and Debra

Like Aquila and Priscilla, we desire to minister side by side, collaborating with existing Kingdom minded leaders, investing in the development and growth of emerging leaders, nurturing the spiritual vitality of the church – both micro and city-wide, and risking everything for the advance of the gospel. We invite you to partner with us in the stories yet to be written. 



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strengthened with power through **his Spirit** in your inner being, so that **Christ** may dwell in your hearts through faith" (Ephesians 3:14-17 ESV).

As we rediscover the mystery and majesty of our Triune God we will be moved to deeper worship and our faith will be empowered for greater service.

The Gospel Celebrate and Saturate

Closely related to the importance of rediscovering the Trinity is the gospel message itself. Dr. Fred Sanders is one of the top scholars on the planet regarding the Trinity. He writes, "The gospel is Trinitarian, and the Trinity is the gospel. Christian salvation comes from the Trinity, happens through the Trinity, and brings us home to the Trinity" (Fred Sanders, *The Deep Things of God*). The Father chose to provide salvation and sent The Son to accomplish salvation and The Spirit to apply salvation to our lives. It is through the Gospel message we are invited into the Triune life of God. A renewed understanding of the gospel will fuel celebration and inspire saturation as we fulfill our calling as Gospel messengers.


Inspire The Risen Life

Our access to the Triune Life of God is through the death and resurrection of Jesus, The Son. We are not simply forgiven of our sins, but through faith in Christ we are spiritually raised from the dead and then called to walk in the reality of his Risen Life. "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ... But God ... even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ ... and raised us up with him" (See Ephesians 2:1-6). Our Risen Life in Christ is one of the most forgotten truths of our generation.

Strengthen The Church "Micro & City"

Jesus prayed that his followers would become "perfectly one" and that a watching world would be moved to believe in him because of this profound oneness (See John 17:22-23). Whether a mega-church or a micro-church, the collective Body of Christ needs to recapture the power and beauty of unified partnership and collaboration.

Multiply Disciples, Leaders, & Churches

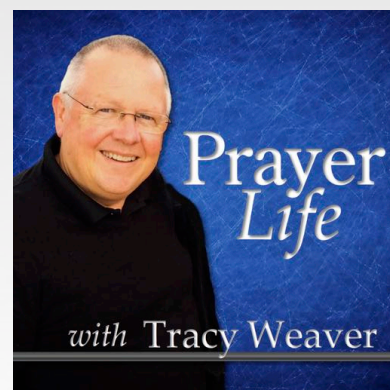
The Great Commission is a call to multiply disciples out of the harvest and equip them with Jesus' truth. With four decades of pastoral leadership experience, the ministry of "Tracy and Debra" is ready to partner with like-minded leaders, churches, and gospel movements to robustly engage the mission Jesus has given to us. 



Sean Sottile

Lead Pastor
Crosspoint, Santa Clarita

"Tracy and Debra have consistently displayed kindness, compassion, and love to those they encounter. Debra is full of joy and has such a servant's heart. Tracy is an exceptional and seasoned leader with an incredible passion for uniting the body of Christ. Together, they are a powerhouse of a team and are viewed as mentors and coaches by many."



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